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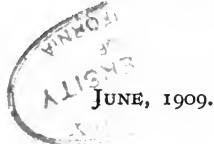
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## PART I.

This investigation is the latest in a series which has been carried out in the Physical Chemical Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University, dealing with the relations between electrical conductivity and viscosity of solutions of various electrolytes in certain nonaqueous solvents, and in mixtures of these solvents with water and with each other. The results of the first seven investigations have been published as Monograph No. 80, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1907. Since that time an eighth communication by Jones and Veazey<sup>1</sup> has appeared, and a ninth, by Jones and Mahin,<sup>2</sup> is about to be published. It now seems desirable to bring together the more important facts thus far established and the conclusions drawn from them.

### *Previous Work in Nonaqueous Solvents.*

The modern theory of solutions has been largely based on

<sup>1</sup> Z. physik. Chem., **62**, 44 (1908).

<sup>2</sup> To appear in Z. physik. Chem., 1909, Jubelband zu Arrhenius.

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Considerable work had already been done on solutions in these solvents, and a few measurements had been made of solutions in mixtures. Carrara<sup>1</sup> carried out an extensive investigation, using methyl alcohol as the solvent, and studying the electrical conductivity of a great variety of salts. Zelinsky and Krapivin<sup>2</sup> also worked with solutions in methyl alcohol, and with a few in a mixture of methyl alcohol and water. This work will be referred to again.

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where  $k$  is the conductivity of a solution of concentration  $p$ , and  $\gamma$  is its viscosity.

Stephan<sup>1</sup> showed that in alcohol and water mixtures the temperature coefficients of conductivity and fluidity were nearly the same. He also found a minimum conductivity in certain mixtures.

For a complete discussion of the electrochemistry of non-aqueous solutions, one should consult Carrara's "Elettrochimica delle soluzioni non aqueose"<sup>2</sup> which covers the literature well up to the year 1906.

### *Experimental.*

The work of Jones and his assistants comprises a uniform series of investigations, the same experimental methods being used in each. The conductivities were determined by the ordinary Kohlrausch method. The bridge wire, resistance boxes, thermometers, etc., were all calibrated or tested against the same standard instruments. Measurements were made at two temperatures, 0° and 25°.

The conductivity water was purified by the method of Jones and Mackay,<sup>3</sup> and had a mean conductivity at 0° of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ , and twice that amount at 25°. The alcohols were purified by careful distillations after being boiled with lime several times. The conductivity of the ethyl alcohol was between  $0.2 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $2 \times 10^{-6}$ , and that of the methyl alcohol was about the same as that of the water. The acetone was dried by calcium chloride, and had an average conductivity of about  $0.6 \times 10^{-6}$ .

Viscosity measurements were made by means of the Ostwald viscometer.<sup>4</sup>

The work of Thorpe and Rodger<sup>5</sup> was consulted for the values of the viscosity of water at 0° and 25°.

The standard of conductivity is, in all cases, that of a fiftieth-normal solution of potassium chloride at 25°, which is taken as 129.7 reciprocal Siemens's units.

<sup>1</sup> Wied. Ann., **17**, 673 (1883).

<sup>2</sup> Gazz. Chim. Ital., **37** [1], 1 (1907); Ahrens' Sammlung, **12**, 11 (1908).

<sup>3</sup> Am. Chem. Journ., **19**, 91 (1897).

<sup>4</sup> Phys.-chem. Mess., 2nd. Ed., p. 260.

<sup>5</sup> Phil. Trans., **185**, A, 307 (1894).

Jones and Lindsay undertook a further investigation of the phenomenon observed by Zelinsky and Krapivin, and by Cohen, namely, a minimum value of conductivity in a fifty per cent mixture of methyl alcohol and water. The solvents used were methyl, ethyl, and *n*-propyl alcohols, water, and binary mixtures of these liquids. The electrolytes studied were potassium, cadmium, and strontium iodides, ammonium bromide, and lithium nitrate. In every case it was found that the molecular conductivity of solutions in the mixed solvents was less than the average calculated from the conductivities in the components. In some cases, curves with well-defined minima were obtained at 0°, some of which persisted at 25°, while others developed into sagging curves with no minima.

As a partial explanation of these facts, this tentative suggestion was made:

It is known that water and the alcohols are highly associated substances, that is, their molecules in the liquid state exist as complexes, the composition of which varies with the temperature. Now, according to the hypothesis of Dutoit and Aston, only those substances which are associated can dissociate molecules. Hence, water and the alcohols, on coming in contact, lower the state of association of each other, until a condition of equilibrium is reached. The mixture, being now less associated than its components, should have less dissociating power than the latter, and this is actually the case in every instance studied. Moreover, the lowering of conductivity is more marked when the alcohols are mixed with water than when they are mixed with each other, because they are associated to a less degree than water.

This conclusion was subsequently confirmed by Jones and Murray.<sup>1</sup> By means of cryoscopic measurements with water, formic and acetic acids, and mixtures of these liquids, they showed that the molecular weights of these substances were always less, even in very concentrated solutions, than the values obtained by Ramsay and Shields, who had found that these liquids are all highly associated in the pure condition.

<sup>1</sup> Am. Chem. Journ., **30**, 193 (1903).

Jones and Carroll<sup>1</sup> extended the work of Jones and Lindsay. The solvents used were water, methyl and ethyl alcohols, and various mixtures of these with one another. The electrolytes chosen were cadmium iodide, sodium iodide, calcium nitrate, hydrochloric acid, sodium acetate, and potassium iodide. Cadmium iodide in mixtures of methyl alcohol and water showed no minimum, except in the curves for  $V = 16$ ,  $V = 32$ , and  $V = 64$  at  $0^\circ$ . Here a minimum appeared in the 75 per cent mixture. In all cases, however, the conductivities were less than the average values. In mixtures of ethyl alcohol and water, the same salt showed entirely similar phenomena, though no minima were observed. Sodium iodide gave a well-defined minimum in the 50 per cent mixture of methyl alcohol and water. Calcium nitrate in the same solvents gave no minimum, while the conductivities again did not obey the law of averages. Hydrochloric acid gave irregular results, but a minimum was noticed in a mixture containing 90 per cent methyl alcohol. Sodium acetate in various mixtures of acetic acid and water gave entirely irregular figures.

An effort was made to determine the dissociating power of the methyl alcohol-water mixtures, since it had been noticed that the molecular conductivity,  $\mu_v$ , for hydrochloric acid became constant at rather small dilutions in these solvents. Limiting values of conductivity were obtained for sodium, potassium, and ammonium iodides and bromides, and lithium nitrate, in 50 per cent methyl alcohol. In all these cases, the dissociation was complete in the mixture at a dilution considerably less than that necessary for complete dissociation in water or methyl alcohol. It now remained to find the cause of the minimum.

Two factors are to be considered, amount of dissociation, and ionic mobility. The first has been eliminated, hence the minimum must be caused by a decrease in ionic mobility. From the results of various observers, it was found that the viscosity of aqueous alcohol in the neighborhood of a 50 per cent mixture is higher than that of either of its constituents.

<sup>1</sup> Am. Chem. Journ., **32**, 521 (1904).



Furthermore, the change in viscosity with increasing content of alcohol is more marked at low temperatures than at higher, and rise in temperature shifts the maximum in viscosity, or minimum in fluidity, slightly towards the mixture containing the greater percentage of alcohol. These phenomena are closely paralleled by the conductivity minima. The latter all occur in or near the 50 per cent mixtures, and are more marked at  $0^{\circ}$  than at  $25^{\circ}$ . Cadmium iodide, for instance, shows a minimum at  $0^{\circ}$  in three solutions, but none at  $25^{\circ}$ . Potassium iodide, strontium iodide, and lithium nitrate give minima in the 50 per cent mixture at  $0^{\circ}$ , which move to the 75 per cent mixture at  $25^{\circ}$ .

A method was then devised for comparing the variations in fluidity and conductivity, and for studying the effect on conductivity of changes in fluidity. The differences between the (calculated) average values and the observed conductivities and fluidities in the various mixtures were expressed in percentages, and in all cases the variation in fluidity was found to be greater than the variation in conductivity. Letting

$\Delta\phi$  and  $\Delta\mu_v$  represent the two variations, then  $\frac{\Delta\phi - \Delta\mu_v}{\Delta\phi}$

represents the relative effect of variation in fluidity on conductivity. If the two effects are equal, the expression becomes equal to zero. It was found that in the 40 per cent mixtures, the effect of change in fluidity on conductivity is greatest. Finally, the temperature coefficients of conductivity and of fluidity were not found to differ markedly; in other words,  $\frac{\mu_v}{\phi}$  is nearly a constant.

Jones and Carroll therefore conclude that the decrease in conductivity in binary mixtures is due primarily to a decrease in the fluidity of the solvent, and, consequently, a decrease in the ionic mobility, and secondarily to the effect of one associated solvent on the association of another.

A quantitative study of the relation between the conductivity and viscosity of different solutions was then made. In order that data for different solvents might be comparable, measurements were made with "comparable equivalent solu-

tions," that is, solutions containing the same number of gram-molecules of electrolyte in the same number of gram-molecules of solvents. The result was that the conductivities of such solutions were found to be inversely proportional to the viscosity of the solvent, and directly proportional to the association factor of the solvent, or to the amount of dissociation of the electrolyte in that solvent. Otherwise expressed,

$$\frac{\mu_v \eta}{x} = \text{constant or } \frac{\mu_v \eta}{\alpha} = \text{constant.}$$

The work of Bassett<sup>1</sup> showed that silver nitrate, in mixtures of methyl alcohol and ethyl alcohol with water, presented phenomena entirely in accord with the observations of Jones and Lindsay and of Jones and Carroll. The conductivity curves for ethyl alcohol-water solutions fall far below the straight line of averages, but give no minima; the methyl alcohol-water curves, on the other hand, give well-marked minima at both 0° and 25°, the variation from the average being more pronounced at the lower temperature.

Jones and Bingham<sup>2</sup> introduced another solvent into the investigation, namely, *acetone*. The electrolytes studied were lithium nitrate, potassium iodide, and calcium nitrate, and quite unexpected results were obtained. Lithium nitrate, in mixtures of acetone and water, gave curves with an inflection point at low dilutions and at 0°, which developed minima in the higher dilutions at 0°. The conductivity curves for solutions in mixtures of methyl and ethyl alcohols with acetone gave *maxima*, which, in the higher dilutions, occurred always in the mixtures containing 75 per cent acetone. The curves are very nearly straight lines below this point, but drop rapidly to the values in 100 per cent acetone. This fact is important in connection with the work of Mahin, to be considered later. Potassium iodide in mixtures of the alcohols with acetone gave conductivity curves which were very nearly straight lines, either slightly convex or concave towards the axis denoting percentages of acetone. In mixtures of acetone

<sup>1</sup> Am. Chem. Journ., **32**, 409 (1904).

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, **34**, 481 (1905).

and water, the same salt gave pronounced minima in the neighborhood of the 50 per cent mixtures. Calcium nitrate in mixtures of methyl and ethyl alcohols with acetone gave curves with maxima at both  $0^{\circ}$  and  $25^{\circ}$ . In mixtures with water, the results were again irregular. In the first place, the values of  $\mu_v$  for calcium nitrate in acetone are surprisingly small, less than those for lithium nitrate or potassium iodide, although it is a ternary electrolyte. In consequence, the curves for acetone-water mixtures, at dilutions greater than  $V = 400$ , reach a minimum in the 50 per cent mixture, and rise to the 75 per cent mixtures—in this point resembling the curves for potassium iodide—but thereafter sink to the small values on the ordinate representing 100 per cent acetone.

The viscosity measurements brought to light the facts that the fluidity curves of mixtures of the alcohols with acetone are nearly straight lines, while the acetone-water mixtures give a minimum fluidity in the 50 per cent mixture. In general, therefore, the relation found by Jones and Carroll holds for mixtures containing acetone, that is, there exists a parallelism between the conductivity and fluidity curves. However, the maximum conductivity obtained with solutions of calcium and lithium nitrates in mixtures of acetone with the alcohols demands explanation. Two possible causes suggest themselves at once.

First, there may be an increase in dissociation in the 75 per cent mixtures, where the maximum occurs. Secondly, there may be an increased mobility of the ions, due to a diminution in the size of the ionic spheres. The idea of ionic spheres, proposed by Kohlrausch and by Jones, postulates the existence of an atmosphere of solvent molecules clustered about the ion. To decide between these two possibilities, we may first consider the increase in dissociation. The fluidity data show that the acetone-alcohol mixtures are not more associated than the pure solvents; hence, using Dutoit and Aston's hypothesis, we should not expect to find greater dissociation in the mixtures. Moreover, while it is true that the maximum conductivity occurs in the 75 per cent mixture, this is true only for dilute solutions, the maximum shifting to the 25

per cent mixture as the concentration increases. This would not occur if the 75 per cent mixture had the greatest dissociating power. Therefore, the tentative view is accepted, that the maximum in conductivity is due to a change in the dimensions of the ionic spheres, and a consequent increase in migration velocity.

The conclusion of Dutoit and Friderich, and of Jones and Carroll, that conductivity is proportional to dissociation and inversely proportional to viscosity, must be supplemented by taking into consideration the possible changes in the size of the ionic spheres of solvent molecules.

Jones and Rouiller<sup>1</sup> undertook the study of silver nitrate. This salt gave results practically identical with those obtained by Jones and Bingham for lithium and calcium nitrates. The conductivity curves for acetone-water mixtures gave inflection points in the higher concentrations, and a pseudo-maximum in the 75 per cent mixture, the value of the molecular conductivities declining rapidly, however, to the figures for pure acetone. The curves for mixtures of methyl and ethyl alcohols are nearly straight lines, following the fluidity curves; and maxima are found in the acetone-alcohol curves.

The investigation was extended by McMaster<sup>2</sup> in a study of lithium bromide and cobalt chloride. The former behaved normally in all the mixtures of the alcohols and water; that is to say, a minimum was noticed in the conductivity curves at 0° and 25° in mixtures of the alcohols with water, while the results for mixtures of the two alcohols obeyed the law of averages almost exactly. In mixtures containing acetone, relations were found very closely analogous to those obtained by Bingham in the case of lithium nitrate. The solutions in alcohol-acetone gave maxima of conductivity in the 75 per cent acetone mixture; while the solutions in water gave minima at the higher dilutions and inflection points at the lower dilutions. The unusual behavior of the acetone mixtures is here again very evident.

Cobalt chloride, on the other hand, gave unexpected re-

<sup>1</sup> *Am. Chem. Journ.*, **36**, 427 (1906).

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, **36**, 325 (1906).

sults. In the first place, the conductivity of its solutions in ethyl alcohol is surprisingly low, being only about 15 per cent as great as in water. In ethyl alcohol-water mixtures, cobalt chloride gave an inflection point in nearly all the solutions, but in the curves for  $V = 200$  to  $V = 1600$ , at  $0^\circ$ , the value of  $\mu_v$  is greater in the 75 per cent than in the 50 per cent mixture, thereafter declining to the lower values in pure ethyl alcohol. Exactly the same phenomenon is shown by calcium nitrate in acetone-water solutions, where the curves rise from the 50 per cent to the 75 per cent mixture, and drop off rapidly in pure acetone. Rouiller found similar results for silver nitrate. In methyl alcohol-water solutions, cobalt chloride is normal, giving pronounced minima in the 50 or 75 per cent mixtures. Methyl alcohol-ethyl alcohol solutions gave nearly straight lines, as did also solutions in acetone-methyl alcohol. In the last cases the fluidity curves are also nearly straight lines, but the acetone-methyl alcohol conductivity curves have a slope which is the reverse of the fluidity curve. Acetone and ethyl alcohol gave a maximum in the 25 per cent mixture.

In most of the above cases, we see that the conductivity varies directly as the fluidity, and fluidity minima are usually accompanied by conductivity minima. The converse, that conductivity minima were accompanied by fluidity minima, was not always found to be true, as, for instance, with cobalt chloride in acetone-ethyl alcohol. Here a maximum of conductivity is found in mixtures giving a fluidity curve which differs by less than experimental error from a straight line. Again, the conductivity curves for acetone-water show inflection points, while the fluidity curve has a minimum. These apparently irregular results are to be considered again in the work of Jones and Mahin.

In explanation of the minimum of conductivity, Jones and McMaster adopt the view that the diminution in the fluidity of the solvent is an important factor in determining the conductivity minimum. But this does not account entirely for the phenomenon. The change in the size of the ionic sphere, the atmosphere surrounding the ion, must also be considered. The velocity of the ion depends not only

on its composition, but also on its attraction for the solvent.

There yet remain for consideration the several maxima of conductivity noticed in this work as well as in that of Bingham. The discussion of the latter work has shown that it is improbable that the maxima are due to an increase in dissociating power in the mixture where they occur. Moreover, an examination of the conductivities of lithium bromide and cobalt chloride shows that complete dissociation is more nearly reached in the pure solvents than in the mixtures where the maxima are found. Hence, it was concluded that the cause of the effect is primarily a change in the dimensions of the ionic spheres.

Some points of interest were noted in connection with the temperature coefficients of conductivity and of fluidity. First, in nearly every case the temperature coefficients of conductivity are greater in the more dilute than in the more concentrated solutions. The work of Jones has shown that in practically all solutions there is some combination between solvent and solute, and that the solvates become more complex as the dilution increases. Therefore, change in temperature, which affects the complex solvates most, has a greater effect on the conductivity of the more dilute solutions.

A second point worth noting was that in certain solutions negative temperature coefficients of conductivity were found. These manifested themselves in solutions of cobalt chloride in acetone, in 75 per cent acetone and methyl alcohol, and in 50 and 75 per cent acetone and ethyl alcohol. In the 75 per cent acetone and methyl alcohol, when  $V = 200$ , the temperature coefficient is *zero*.

The change in conductivity with temperature is the algebraic sum of two opposing influences. First, rise in temperature diminishes dissociation; secondly, rise in temperature is accompanied by an increase in fluidity. The first of the processes tends to decrease conductivity, the second to increase it. When the sum is positive, we have increasing conductivity with rise in temperature, as is usually found to be the case. In the one instance mentioned above, the two

forces are equal, and the conductivity is independent of the temperature.

The investigation of Jones and Veazey<sup>1</sup> included a study of the behavior of copper chloride and potassium sulphocyanate. Both of these electrolytes gave results which were almost entirely "normal;" that is, conductivity curves followed fluidity curves in every case except two. These exceptions were the curves for copper chloride in mixtures of the alcohols with water. No minima were found here corresponding to the well-marked minimum in fluidity, although the conductivities were always less than required by the law of averages. An inflection point occurs between the 50 and 75 per cent mixtures. The conductivity curves of potassium sulphocyanate show no such irregularity, but are in every respect parallel to the fluidity curves of the solvents.

In addition to determining the fluidities of the various solvent mixtures, Jones and Veazey measured the fluidities of solutions of potassium sulphocyanate in these mixtures. It was found that in many cases the fluidity of the solution is greater than the fluidity of the solvent; in other words, potassium sulphocyanate, under certain conditions, has a negative viscosity coefficient. In mixtures of methyl alcohol and water, the viscosity of the tenth-normal solutions is less than that of the 0, 25, and 50 per cent solvent mixtures, and greater than the 75 per cent mixture, becoming equal at some point corresponding to about 65 per cent alcohol. The same phenomena repeat themselves in ethyl alcohol-water mixtures. With acetone and water, the negative viscosity coefficient again becomes apparent, this time only in the 0 and 25 per cent mixtures. In the other mixed solvents, the viscosity is increased by the addition of the solute.

An examination of the literature relating to viscosity brought to light the important fact that, in general, only salts of potassium, rubidium, and caesium are known to lower the viscosity of water. Very few other cases of negative viscosity have been found, and not all salts of these metals behave alike in this respect. For instance, the sulphate, ferrocyanide, ferri-

<sup>1</sup> *Am. Chem. Journ.*, **37**, 405 (1907); *Z. physik. Chem.*, **61**, 641 (1908).

cyanide, and chromate of potassium give positive viscosity coefficients. And it is not remarkable that in the presence of certain anions, the alkali cations do not give negative viscosity coefficients. Viscosity must be considered to be a property which is a function of the nature of all the particles in a solution, and it is perfectly clear that here, as in conductivity, two opposing influences may be operative, the potassium cation, for instance, tending to lower the viscosity and the anion tending to increase it. If the algebraic sum is positive, a positive viscosity results, and *vice versa*, the actual viscosity of the solution being dependent on the relative action of the two ions.

The facts have been presented showing that in aqueous solution, or in solutions containing as much as 50 per cent of water, potassium sulphocyanate produces a lowering of the viscosity. What is the mechanism of this effect?

The work of Thorpe and Rodger has shown that viscosity phenomena are, in all probability, dependent upon the frictional surfaces of the various particles in any solution. If the total frictional surface can be diminished by any means, other factors remaining constant, the viscosity will be lowered. We may actually realize this by bringing into a solvent a substance which has a large molecular volume, or which gives ions having large ionic volumes. The total frictional surface proportional to the mass is thus lessened, since the surface increases as the square of the diameter of the particles, while the mass increases as the cube. Potassium, rubidium, and caesium salts, as we have said, lower the viscosity of water. Are their atomic volumes, accordingly, larger than those of other elements? The periodic curve of atomic volumes answers this question at once. The alkali metals occupy the maxima of the curve, and no other metals have atomic volumes to be compared with them. Moreover, that element having the greatest atomic volume—caesium—should have the greatest negative viscosity coefficient. This point is soon tested by reference to the work of Wagner.<sup>1</sup> If the viscosity of water is taken as unity, a normal solution of caesium chloride lowers

<sup>1</sup> Z. physik. Chem., 5, 35 (1890).



it to 0.9775, a normal solution of rubidium chloride gives 0.9846, and potassium chloride 0.9872. Thus the effect on viscosity varies directly as the atomic volume of the cation, caesium having an atomic volume of 74, rubidium of 57, and potassium 47.

It will be remembered that minima of fluidity were found in mixtures of water with the alcohols or with acetone, accompanied usually by minima in conductivity. The fact also came out that in those mixtures which have the minimum fluidity, the temperature coefficients of conductivity are largest. The explanation of this is sufficiently evident. Each solvent, highly associated in the pure condition, breaks down the association of the other, as shown by Jones and Murray, so that the resulting mixture is composed of a greater number of smaller molecules in a given volume. Simple molecules would probably have greater chemical activity than the more complex ones and would combine with the solute to a greater extent. The effect of heat on such solvates would be greater with increasing complexity of the solvate. In connection with this breaking down of the solvents into simpler aggregates, the total internal frictional surface would be increased, and an increase in viscosity is the result. Again, in terms of Dutoit and Aston's hypothesis, the dissociating power of such a mixture should be less than that of the pure solvents, and this is an important factor in determining the conductivity minimum, as pointed out by Jones and Bingham. It is noticed that in these mixtures of minimum fluidity, there is a smaller increase of conductivity with dilution than in the other mixtures, and this is, of course, a consequence of the view here adopted.

In a second communication,<sup>1</sup> Jones and Veazey took up a study of solutions of tetraethylammonium iodide—Walden's "Normalelektrolyt"—in mixtures of water, the alcohols, and nitrobenzene. The latter is a solvent of a type entirely different from the hydroxy compounds or acetone, and it was important to know whether the relations previously found would hold for mixtures containing this substance.

<sup>1</sup> Z. physik. Chem., **62**, 41 (1908).

In mixtures of both the alcohols with water, tetraethylammonium iodide shows a well-defined conductivity minimum in the neighborhood of the 50 or 75 per cent mixtures at both  $0^{\circ}$  and  $25^{\circ}$ . In mixtures of the alcohols with each other, no minima appeared, although the values are less than the averages. Mixtures of methyl alcohol and nitrobenzene behaved similarly, but mixtures of ethyl alcohol and nitrobenzene gave a maximum in the solutions containing 25 per cent of the latter. The fluidity curves of mixtures of water and the alcohols have already been sufficiently treated, and here, as before, the conductivity curves follow them closely. The same general relations appear in mixtures of nitrobenzene and the alcohols. A fluidity maximum shows itself in mixtures containing 25 per cent of nitrobenzene, with either alcohol, and at  $0^{\circ}$  and  $25^{\circ}$ . Hence, the conductivity curves, in the case of nitrobenzene-ethyl alcohol mixtures at least, follow the fluidity curves, and the variation with nitrobenzene-methyl alcohol is slight.

It has now been shown that for all the solvents worked with, it is practically a constant phenomenon for conductivity curves to have the same general characteristics as fluidity curves. On the other hand, we must not lose sight of the fact that several well-marked exceptions have been found, and notably in mixtures containing acetone. Here the fluidity curves for water-acetone have minima, and for acetone-alcohol are nearly straight lines, while the conductivity curves for lithium bromide, lithium nitrate, cobalt chloride, and calcium nitrate show pronounced maxima, or pseudomaxima. Moreover, the values of the molecular conductivities in acetone are abnormally low, except for lithium salts.

In the work of Walden,<sup>1</sup> already referred to, it was found that the product of the limiting molecular conductivity of tetraethylammonium iodide and the viscosity of its infinitely dilute solutions is nearly a constant for about thirty organic solvents, and equal to about 0.7. Water and glycol are exceptions, giving products equal to 1.0 and 1.32, respectively. The product  $\mu_{\infty} \eta$  is also independent of temperature. There-

<sup>1</sup> Z. physik. Chem., **55**, 207 (1906).

fore, generally speaking, conductivity varies as the fluidity of the solvent. But, as we have shown, in certain solutions containing acetone, this relation no longer holds.

It may further be noted that Jones has shown<sup>1</sup> that cadmium iodide and ammonium sulphocyanate, in acetone solutions, have abnormally high molecular weights, although such solutions conduct the current. He pointed out that these facts indicate simultaneous association and dissociation of the solute; a high concentration of molecular complexes, which causes an abnormal apparent molecular weight, coexisting with a low ionic concentration, which causes a low conductivity value. A consideration of these points suggested to Jones and Mahin several lines of inquiry, which were taken up in the ninth communication.<sup>2</sup> They sought to answer the following questions:

1. Will those salts that have, at ordinary concentration, abnormally low values for molecular conductivity possess, when completely dissociated, values which are inversely proportional to the coefficient of viscosity?
2. If so, is the product of molecular conductivity and viscosity constant for mixed solvents and at different temperatures?
3. Is the value of the constant the same for different electrolytes?
4. Are the abnormal conductivities in acetone and mixtures of acetone with other solvents due to association of the salt?

The first salt studied was lithium nitrate. Extreme precautions were taken to insure purity of the solvents, and measurements were carried to dilutions as high as 200,000 liters wherever practicable. Under these conditions, the conductivity curves assumed forms which differed markedly from those obtained for dilutions between 10 and 1600 liters, and which closely resembled the fluidity curves. Moreover, the product of the viscosity coefficient and the maximum conductivity in solutions of acetone mixed with the alcohols

<sup>1</sup> Am. Chem. Journ., **27**, 16 (1902).

<sup>2</sup> To appear in Z. physik. Chem., August, 1909.

has a mean value of 0.62, agreeing well with Walden's value of 0.70 for simple\*solvents, and being independent of temperature. With acetone-water mixtures, the product varies between 1.00, the value for water, and 0.63, the value for acetone.

Some determinations of the molecular weight of lithium nitrate in acetone by the boiling point method brought out interesting results. The concentration of the solutions varied roughly between normal and tenth-normal. Even in the more dilute solutions, the indicated molecular weight was 83.1, while the value required by the formula  $\text{LiNO}_3$  is 69.07. This accounts for the low conductivity of lithium nitrate in acetone solutions of not very great dilution.

As already stated, cadmium iodide was found by Jones to be associated in acetone, and a study of this salt was next made. Results in this case were not so satisfactory as with lithium nitrate. The conductivity curves show signs of regaining a similarity to the fluidity curves, but the resemblance is not so close as with the other salt. Moreover, the product of the viscosity by the maximum conductivity is irregular. The conductivity data show that in most cases a limiting value was not reached with cadmium iodide, and some solutions more nearly approached the true values than others, thus causing the fluctuations in the value of the product. It must be borne in mind that conductivity measurements at dilutions so great (400,000 liters) that the correction for the conductivity of the solvent often amounts to more than 50 per cent of the total, are being made at a point where the method is taxed rather beyond its limitations; and it is not surprising that even with the utmost precautions, concordant results are not obtained. The failure of cadmium iodide to follow the behavior of lithium nitrate in very dilute solutions is merely negative evidence, and must be weighed as such.

Some boiling point determinations of cadmium iodide in acetone were made, and here too, considerable polymerization was found. In a 0.09 normal solution, the indicated molecular weight was 448, calculated 364.

Thus, the apparent exceptions to the relations found by Jones and his coworkers are seen to vanish when we are dealing with what are practically infinitely dilute solutions. The investigations have dealt with twelve electrolytes and six solvents, and in every instance the same relations are found to hold, connecting the molecular conductivity with the fluidity.

Jones and Mahin<sup>1</sup> also made a study of the conductivity and viscosity of lithium nitrate in ternary mixtures of the four solvents used above. The results were about what would be expected from a knowledge of the solutions in binary mixtures. The conductivity curves, in the great majority of cases, followed the fluidity curves, and no new relations were brought to light.

As a result of this work, we may make the general statement: If we mix methyl and ethyl alcohols, or methyl alcohol and acetone, the conductivity curves are very close to straight lines, and the fluidities of the mixture are nearly additive. Take, for instance, the last case mentioned. The table shows the fluidities of various mixtures of methyl alcohol with acetone at 0°, as determined by the viscometer, and also as calculated from those of the two components.

*Fluidity of Mixtures of Methyl Alcohol and Acetone at 0°.*

Per cent acetone	0	25	50	75	100
Fluidity observed	122.2	153.9	187.4	222.2	244.1
Fluidity calc.	...	152.7	183.2	213.7	...

The observed fluidities are very nearly the averages corresponding to the different mixtures. On the other hand, if we mix water with the alcohols, or with acetone, there is interaction between the components of the mixture, and certain of its physical properties are found no longer to bear simple relations to the properties of the single solvents. Otherwise expressed, the law of averages is not followed, and the properties of the mixture are not additive. Hence, we may conclude that water, mixed with the other three solvents, causes some deep-seated change in the state of molecular aggrega-

<sup>1</sup> Am. Chem. Journ., 41, 433 (1909).

tion of the liquid molecules, while mixing the three organic solvents with each other causes no such change. The various mixed solvents may therefore be divided into two classes, those not containing water, with properties nearly or quite additive, and those containing water, with properties that are not the averages of the two components.

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It is thus seen that certain definite relations exist between the conductivity of various electrolytes dissolved in binary mixtures of four solvents, and the viscosity of their solutions. It was of interest to know whether similar relations would hold when one of the component solvents had a viscosity much greater than that of the other; in other words, whether the effect of one solvent on another follows the same laws, no matter what substances are used. The solvent eminently suited for this purpose is glycerol. Not only is its viscosity enormously greater than that of any other homogeneous liquid at ordinary temperatures, but several of its physical constants would lead us to expect glycerol to be well adapted as a solvent in making conductivity measurements. The dielectric constants and association factors of the solvents used in the previous work are given in Table I. The dielectric constants are taken from the work of Drude<sup>1</sup> and were all determined in the neighborhood of 18°, and the association factors are taken from the work of Ramsay and Shields,<sup>2</sup> and refer to nearly the same temperature.

Table I.

Solvent.	Dielectric constant.	Association factor.
Water	81.7	4.00
Methyl alcohol	32.5	3.43
Ethyl alcohol	21.7	2.74
Acetone	20.7	1.26

Glycerol has a dielectric constant of 16.5 at 18°, and hence, in terms of the Thomson-Nernst rule, should have a fairly high dissociating power. Moreover, if we assume Dutoit

<sup>1</sup> Wied. Ann., **60**, 500.

<sup>2</sup> Z. physik. Chem., **12**, 433 (1893).

and Aston's hypothesis to hold even approximately for glycerol, the association factor of the latter, 1.80 at 20°, would lead to the same conclusion. The conductivity data will show that these expectations are well founded, and that glycerol is, in all probability, a solvent with a dissociating power rather above the average.

*Glycerol as a Solvent.*

It has, of course, been known for a long time that glycerol has remarkable solvent properties. Not only will it dissolve all deliquescent salts, such as many compounds of lithium and calcium, but it also takes up large quantities of nearly all the halogen salts of the common metals, including even those which are difficultly soluble in water, as well as many sulphates, nitrates, etc. In addition, the alcohol groups of glycerol react with metallic oxides and hydroxides, forming glycerates by a process analogous to the solution of sodium or potassium hydroxides in alcohol.

In spite of the ease with which very pure glycerol can be obtained in large quantity, very little work has been done with solutions in it. In various branches of manufacture, and especially in pharmacy, it has long had extensive use as a solvent, but no systematic study has been made of the properties of its solutions.

Cattaneo<sup>1</sup> measured the conductivity of a number of halogen salts of the metals in glycerol, and found that the conductivities are smaller than the corresponding values in water or alcohol, but greater than those in ether. He also states that the molecular conductivity increases only in the case of chlorides. This last statement is not at all confirmed by the present work.

Schöttner<sup>2</sup> carried out an extensive investigation on the viscosity of glycerol and of some of its mixtures with water. Arrhenius<sup>3</sup> measured the viscosity of certain organic substances, including glycerol, in aqueous solution, and found that the decrease of  $\eta$  with rising temperature is greatest

<sup>1</sup> Rend. Accad. Linc. [5], **2**, II, 112 (1893).

<sup>2</sup> Wien. Ber., **77**, 2, 682 (1878).

<sup>3</sup> Z. physik. Chem., **1**, 289 (1887).

when  $\eta$  is large. Schall and van Rijn<sup>1</sup> determined the relative times of flow of various mixtures of glycerol with small quantities of water and alcohol.

#### EXPERIMENTAL.

##### *Conductivity Apparatus.*

The conductivity measurements were made by the Kohlrausch method, using a wire bridge and telephone receiver. The bridge wire was calibrated and found to be of uniform resistance throughout. The conductivity cells were of the form used by Jones and Bingham and subsequent workers in this laboratory. For use with the solutions in pure glycerol, two cells of a different type were used. The electrodes in one cell consisted of two concentric platinum cylinders, about 7 cm. long, and 18 and 22 mm. in diameter. They were maintained at a constant distance apart of about 2 mm. by means of several drops of fusion glass attached to the edges of the cylinders. The constant was very low, about 4.30. The other cell had as electrodes three cylinders, the outer and inner being joined by a thick branching platinum wire, and forming one electrode, while the middle cylinder formed the other. Drops of fusion glass also served here to keep the electrodes at a constant distance apart of about 1.5 mm. The cell constant was about 2.35. The electrodes of both cells were used without being covered with platinum black, and it was possible to obtain very sharp minima on the bridge with them. For instance, when the cell contained conductivity water, and a resistance of one or two thousand ohms was introduced into the circuit, the bridge could easily be read at points two mm. on each side of the true minimum. This form of cell has proved itself to be especially adapted to work with very viscous solutions. The large electrode surface permits of the cylinders being several mm. apart, without making the "capacity" of the cell too great; and this feature alone is of great advantage, as it allows very thick liquids to fill all the space between the electrodes, without the danger of imprisoning air bubbles. The escape of the

<sup>1</sup> Z. physik. Chem., **23**, 329 (1897).



latter is further facilitated by the vertical position of the cell walls. The "constants" of both cells showed only extremely slight variation throughout the work.

The conductivity measurements are expressed in reciprocal Siemens's units, and the cell constants were determined by means of a fiftieth-normal potassium chloride solution, the molecular conductivity of which was taken as 129.7 at 25°.

Measurements were made at 25° and 35°. Glycerol, when maintained at 0° for a long period, undergoes a gradual change, resulting sometimes in the deposition of crystals. On this account, and for the reason that at low temperatures the substance is so extremely immobile that viscosity determinations are almost impossible, no measurements were made at 0°, as has been the custom in these investigations. The temperature coefficients of conductivity and viscosity are therefore not strictly comparable with those obtained by other workers for the same solutions between 0° and 25°.

The constant-temperature baths were of the form described before, and were maintained constant within 0°.03 of the desired temperatures. The thermometers were compared with a certificated Reichsanstalt instrument. The measuring flasks were calibrated to hold aliquot parts of the true liter at 20°, and solutions were brought to within 0°.2 of this temperature before filling to the mark.

#### *Solvents.*

*Glycerol.*—The glycerol used was Kahlbaum's "Glycerin, 1.26." Two determinations of different lots gave the same density,  $D_{25}^{25} = 1.2586$ . The specific conductivity varied from  $0.5 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $0.7 \times 10^{-7}$  at 25°. Some of the glycerol was distilled under diminished pressure, boiling at 160° under a pressure of 6 mm. The specific conductivity was not changed by this process, and the remainder of the glycerol was used without further treatment.

*Water.*—The water was purified essentially by the method of Jones and Mackay,<sup>1</sup> with a slight modification. The practice heretofore has been to distil ordinary distilled water

<sup>1</sup> Am. Chem. Journ., 17, 83 (1895).

from acidified potassium dichromate to destroy organic matter and retain ammonia, and then to redistil from a weaker chromic acid solution, forcing the steam from the second distillation through a solution of barium hydroxide. There can be no doubt that water prepared in this way still contains large quantities of carbon dioxide. The extreme rapidity with which the current of steam passes through the alkaline solution makes it impossible for the latter to come in contact with all of the vapor, and some of the carbon dioxide escapes with the steam to be condensed, giving water with a conductivity which has generally been about  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  at  $25^{\circ}$ . If, however, the second distillation is made from a solution containing barium hydroxide instead of acidified dichromate, the conductivity of the water is lowered considerably. Nearly all of the carbon dioxide is retained, and the conductivity of the water thus purified has rarely risen over  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ , and was many times as low as 1.2. In addition, the alkaline solution, probably owing to the presence of the fine crystals of barium carbonate, boils more quietly than the acid solution, with entire absence of bumping, and with consumption of much less gas.

*Ethyl and Methyl Alcohols.*—These were purified by boiling the commercial articles with fresh lime for a day, and then distilling again from more lime without transferring the alcohol in the air. A third distillation from lime was made if the specific gravity of the second distillate showed the presence of any appreciable quantity of water. Several more distillations were then made through a block-tin condenser. The conductivity of the ethyl alcohol ranged between  $1.2 \times 10^{-7}$  and  $1.8 \times 10^{-7}$ , although in one case it was as low as  $0.9 \times 10^{-7}$ . The value for the methyl alcohol was about  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  at  $25^{\circ}$ .

Work with mixtures containing acetone, which it was hoped would yield some interesting results, had to be given up, since glycerol and acetone are only slightly miscible.

The mixed solvents are made up on a volume basis, and in every case throughout the work, unless otherwise speci-



fied, "*n* per cent A and B" means *n* cc. of solvent A diluted to 100 cc. with solvent B.

### *Solutions.*

All solutions were made on a volume-normal basis, at 20°, by direct weighing of the anhydrous salts. A tenth-normal mother solution was first made, from which the fiftieth and hundredth-normal solutions were prepared by dilution. The hundredth-normal solution then served as a mother solution for the two-, four-, and eight-hundredth-normal solutions, and from the last named the sixteen-hundredth-normal was prepared. The dilutions were made by means of calibrated flasks and burettes. It was found that if a little time was given, the solutions containing 25 and 50 per cent of glycerol would drain as completely as aqueous solutions, and the same calibration was used for all three. With the 75 per cent solutions, and especially with those in pure glycerol, the draining was incomplete, even though the burette stood two days. Accordingly, a different calibration was made for each of the three mixed solvents containing 75 per cent of glycerol, and for the pure glycerol itself. The amount to be delivered was run at a fixed rate of flow into a weighing glass, and its weight divided by the density of the solvent at 20°. The difference between the volume thus found and the volume read off was the amount clinging to the walls of the burette, and this quantity, which was about 0.60 cc. for 25 cc. of glycerol, was added with each measurement of the solutions. It was of course necessary to run the solutions out between the same two points on the burette each time, as otherwise the mean hydrostatic pressure would vary, causing corresponding variations in the rate of flow, with a marked effect on the amount which did not drain out. This precaution is important, as shown by the fact that a volume of glycerol drawn off between 0 and 25 on the burette lacked 0.65 cc. of 25 cc., while the same apparent volume, taken between 24 and 49, was 0.35 cc. less than the amount desired. The water calibration showed that this difference was not due to a great irregularity in the diameter of the burette. Another point which

must be noted is the necessity of keeping the temperature of the working room very constant while measuring glycerol. The changes in volume of the glycerol are inconsiderable compared with the great changes in fluidity, and a calibration made for 20° would, by reason of the much greater fluidity of glycerol at a higher temperature, be very inaccurate at 22°.

In view of the fact that so little work has been done with solutions in glycerol, a few details of a practical nature may not be out of place. In spite of the great solvent power of glycerol, the actual rate of solution is very slow, and most substances can be dissolved only after a great deal of shaking and heating. It was customary in this work to heat the glycerol to almost 100° before adding it to the salt in the measuring flask. At this temperature, glycerol is quite fluid, and its solvent action is greatly enhanced. Nevertheless, it required, with lithium bromide and cobalt chloride, nearly three hours of practically continuous shaking, with the temperature at about 80°–100°, to effect the complete solution of one or two grams of the salts in 100 cc. of glycerol. Potassium iodide, on the other hand, dissolved as soon as the glycerol was warmed slightly, and gave a clear solution in less than five minutes. In view of the close relation of glycerol to the alcohols, and of the very slight solubility of potassium iodide in absolute alcohol, this behavior is surprising.

Much annoyance is caused by the ease with which glycerol imprisons air bubbles, which may require hours to rise. Especially is this likely to occur when the substance is poured into a burette. This difficulty may be obviated, however, by pouring the solutions in while hot, in which case the air bubbles will rise fairly rapidly; or by pouring the solutions in such a manner that the descending stream does not strike the walls of the burette except at the highest point to which the burette is to be filled. Thus manipulated, the glycerol flows down the burette walls without enclosing any air, and moreover, no time is lost in waiting for the upper part of the burette to drain before taking the initial reading.

#### *Viscosity.*

The determinations of viscosity were made by means of

several Ostwald viscometers,<sup>1</sup> or this form as modified by Jones and Veazey.<sup>2</sup> For the solutions in pure glycerol, as well as for the solutions containing 75 per cent of glycerol, viscometers of very large bore were necessary. Two of these, made for us by Eimer and Amend, were very satisfactory. The small bulb had a capacity of about 4 cc., and the larger of about 30 cc. The "capillaries," having internal diameters of 1.1 and 2 mm., respectively, were 12 cm. long. As the time of flow of water through these viscometers was less than ten seconds, it was of course necessary to calibrate them by using a more viscous liquid, the viscosity of which was known. For this purpose, the viscosities of several solutions, containing about 50 per cent of glycerol, were determined in the smaller instruments, and then the times of flow of these liquids through the large viscometers were noted. A fixed amount of solution was introduced into the viscometer from a pipette, and after being raised to the upper mark by air pressure, was allowed to run through the capillary by its own weight. The times of flow were read with an accurate stopwatch. The viscosities were calculated from the formula

$$\frac{\eta}{\eta_0} = \frac{st}{s_0t_0},$$

where  $\eta_0$ ,  $s_0$ , and  $t_0$  are the viscosity, density, and time of flow, respectively, of pure water, and  $\eta$ ,  $s$ , and  $t$  the corresponding values for the liquid in question. The values of  $\eta_0$  at 25° and 35° are taken from Thorpe and Rodger's work<sup>2</sup> on viscosity, being 0.00891 at 25° and 0.00720 at 35°. Fluidity, expressed by  $\phi$ , is equal to  $\frac{1}{\eta}$ , and the temperature coefficients of fluidity are calculated from the formula

$$\text{temp. coef. } \phi = \frac{1}{\phi_{25}} \cdot \frac{\phi_{35} - \phi_{25}}{10}.$$

The densities of the solutions were determined in pycnometers of the form described by Jones and Veazey.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Phys.-chem. Mess., 2nd Ed., p. 260.

<sup>2</sup> Phil. Trans., 185, A, 307 (1894).

<sup>3</sup> Z. physik. Chem., 61, 651 (1908).

The measurement of viscosity, for some reason, seems to be beset with much greater experimental error than would be expected, considering the simple nature of the operation. The values given in Landolt-Boernstein's "Tabellen" often show differences of more than one per cent in the results of various observers. During the present work, it was found to be almost impossible to get results that would agree even fairly well in duplicate determinations. It may at first sight be supposed that by using three "steps" to determine the viscosities of the thicker solutions, as was done in this work, experimental error is introduced at each step, so that the values found by means of instruments with wide capillaries would necessarily be of doubtful accuracy. As a matter of fact, though experimental error is introduced, the departure of the values found from the true values is influenced much less by this fact than by an inherent difficulty in the method.

The Poisseuille formula for determining viscosity is  $v = \frac{\pi r^4 p t}{8 l \eta}$ , where  $v$  is the volume of liquid, whose viscosity coefficient is  $\eta$ , which, under a pressure  $p$ , will flow in the time  $t$  through tube of length  $l$  and radius  $r$ . In deriving this formula, the liquid is considered as leaving the tube with a kinetic energy of zero, which, manifestly is an impossible condition in practice. If the liquid flows out of the tube with a positive kinetic energy, a correction must be introduced. On rearranging the formula, with the correction, it becomes

$$\eta = \frac{\pi r^4 p t}{8 v l} - \frac{v d}{8 \pi t l},$$

where  $d$  is the density of the liquid. In determining viscosities by the relative method—that is, by means of the Ostwald viscometer—the corrected formula is rarely used. For two liquids flowing by their own weight through the same instrument, between the same differences in level,

$$\frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} = \frac{p_1 t_1}{p_2 t_2}.$$

But

$$\frac{p_1}{p_2} = \frac{\rho_1 g h}{\rho_2 g h} = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2},$$

whence  $\frac{\eta_1}{\eta_2} = \frac{\rho_1 t_1}{\rho_2 t_2}$ , which is the ordinary formula.

It is evident from the corrected formula that when  $t$  is smallest, the correction is greatest. Hence, a greater error is introduced by measuring the viscosity of a liquid whose time of flow is much greater than that of the standard, than in the case of one with nearly the same viscosity as the standard. In other words, the error would be a minimum if  $t$  could be kept constant. Therefore, the error is kept lowest by using in each instrument liquids whose times of flow do not differ too greatly from  $t_0$ . As the correction is always negative, the viscosity of a liquid determined without using intermediate steps should be greater than if several viscometers are used. This is illustrated in the case of 75 per cent glycerol and methyl alcohol at 25°.  $T$  is the time of flow.

Table II.

Viscometer.	$T$ . Water.	$T$ . 50 per cent glycerol and methyl alcohol.	$T$ . 50 per cent glycerol and water.	$T$ . 75 per cent glycerol and methyl alcohol.	$\eta$ .
A	74.4	749.0	450.0	4465.0	0.61735
I	..	74.7	45.7	445.6	0.6073
2	..	...	...	141.7	0.6073

Here  $\eta$  is calculated by the following methods:

For viscometer A.  $\eta = \frac{0.00891 \times 4465 \times 1.1546}{1 \times 74.4} = 0.61735$   
(1.1546 is the density of 75 per cent glycerol and methyl alcohol).

For viscometer I. The viscosities of 50 per cent glycerol and water, and 50 per cent glycerol and methyl alcohol, were determined in A; then from the times of flow of these solutions through I, two values were obtained which were used to determine viscosities in I, and the mean value of  $\eta$  for 75 per cent glycerol and methyl alcohol is determined from them, using  $T = 445.6$ . The same process is employed for viscometer

2. It is seen that  $\eta$  determined by direct comparison with water is greater, as it should be, than  $\eta$  determined by using liquids of intermediate viscosities in several instruments.

*Lithium Bromide.*

The lithium bromide gave a flame test which showed no appreciable impurity. It was dried to constant weight at  $150^\circ$ , and was again dried after each exposure to the air. Table III. gives the molecular conductivities of lithium bromide in pure glycerol at  $25^\circ$ ,  $35^\circ$ , and  $45^\circ$ . It will be noticed that while the values of  $\mu_v$  are very small, yet they show a regular increase with dilution, as is the case with all liquids having a marked dissociating power.

Table III.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in Glycerol at  $25^\circ$ ,  $35^\circ$ , and  $45^\circ$ .

V.	$\mu_v 25^\circ$ .	$\mu_v 35^\circ$ .	$\mu_v 45^\circ$ .	Temperature coefficients. $25^\circ-35^\circ$ .	Temperature coefficients. $35^\circ-45^\circ$ .
10	0.236	0.485	0.907	0.106	0.0871
50	0.260	0.540	1.010	0.107	0.0881
100	0.270	0.555	1.041	0.106	0.0875
200	0.272	0.565	1.050	0.106	0.0868
400	0.275	0.572	1.070	0.108	0.0871
800	0.280	0.579	1.085	0.107	0.0874
1600	0.287	0.593	1.109	0.107	0.0871

Table IV.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in Water at  $25^\circ$  and  $35^\circ$ .

V.	$\mu_v 25^\circ$ .	$\mu_v 35^\circ$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	91.8	110.7	0.0205
50	101.1	121.9	0.0206
100	103.0	124.4	0.0208
200	105.2	127.4	0.0219
400	107.2	130.1	0.0213
800	114.4	136.1	0.0222
1600	114.6	137.5	0.0200



Table V.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	45.6	57.4	0.0257
50	49.6	62.5	0.0261
100	50.8	64.0	0.0260
200	52.8	66.7	0.0264
400	52.2	65.5	0.0255
800	54.0	69.4	0.0285
1600	54.9	71.5	0.0300

Table VI.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	17.3	23.4	0.0351
50	18.8	25.4	0.0348
100	19.1	25.7	0.0346
200	19.5	26.3	0.0350
400	20.0	27.0	0.0351
800	21.4	28.9	0.0352
1600	21.7	29.5	0.0361

Table VII.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	3.84	5.96	0.0552
50	4.23	6.56	0.0552
100	4.27	6.63	0.0551
200	4.43	6.89	0.0557
400	4.51	6.99	0.0552
800	4.40	6.89	0.0566
1600	4.47	6.99	0.0567

Table VIII.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	15.8	18.4	0.0162
50	23.0	26.7	0.0161
100	25.9	30.3	0.0169
200	29.2	33.6	0.0150
400	31.1	36.5	0.0171
800	33.3	39.2	0.0179
1600	35.1	41.6	0.0186

Table IX.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	7.26	9.32	0.0283
50	9.49	12.23	0.0289
100	10.00	12.94	0.0294
200	10.93	14.11	0.0291
400	11.21	14.51	0.0294
800	11.68	15.16	0.0298
1600	12.02	15.72	0.0308

Table X.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	2.91	4.25	0.0462
50	3.40	4.97	0.0459
100	3.61	5.29	0.0466
200	3.85	5.61	0.0458
400	3.85	5.64	0.0466
800	3.98	5.86	0.0474
1600	4.02	5.89	0.0466

Table XI.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	0.947	1.62	0.0710
50	1.08	1.85	0.0711
100	1.14	1.95	0.0719
200	1.14	1.95	0.0718
400	1.19	2.06	0.0720
800	1.18	2.02	0.0713
1600	1.25	2.15	0.0724

Table XII.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	50.0	56.4	0.0127
50	64.3	72.9	0.0134
100	69.4	78.4	0.0129
200	74.1	84.0	0.0134
400	77.4	87.4	0.0129
800	79.9	89.7	0.0124
1600	81.9	93.1	0.0137

Table XIII.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	21.3	25.8	0.0214
50	25.5	30.9	0.0210
100	27.1	32.9	0.0213
200	28.9	35.3	0.0222
400	29.2	35.7	0.0221
800	30.3	36.8	0.0215
1600	31.2	38.3	0.0226

Table XIV.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	7.34	9.94	0.0350
50	8.44	11.41	0.0353
100	8.86	11.98	0.0352
200	9.21	12.48	0.0355
400	9.49	12.87	0.0356
800	9.59	13.05	0.0361
1600	9.90	13.44	0.0357

Table XV.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	1.73	2.78	0.0607
50	2.01	3.21	0.0599
100	2.13	3.38	0.0584
200	2.30	3.38	0.0470
400	..	..	..
800	2.20	3.55	0.0614
1600	2.17	3.49	0.0626

Table XVI.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in Glycerol at 25°, 35°, and 45°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v45^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.	
				25°–35°.	35°–45°.
10	0.270	0.546	1.003	0.1023	0.0836
50	0.369	0.744	1.373	0.1015	0.0846
100	0.391	0.784	1.450	0.1004	0.0780
200	0.455	0.911	1.691	0.1004	0.0857
400	0.473	0.959	1.779	0.1027	0.0855
800	0.497	1.005	1.856	0.1011	0.0847
1600	0.519	1.040	1.920	0.1002	0.0846

Table XVII.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	168.9	204.7	0.0212
50	195.5	236.8	0.0212
100	204.2	246.7	0.0205
200	212.6	256.5	0.0207
400	219.4	267.9	0.0217
800	226.6	276.9	0.0222
1600	232.6	282.6	0.0216

Table XVIII.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	79.9	100.1	0.0252
50	92.6	116.4	0.0258
100	97.6	122.9	0.0259
200	101.7	128.4	0.0262
400	105.3	133.1	0.0264
800	108.5	136.6	0.0260
1600	110.2	139.7	0.0267

Table XIX.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	28.8	38.7	0.0346
50	33.7	45.4	0.0346
100	35.4	47.6	0.0346
200	37.1	49.7	0.0340
400	38.1	51.2	0.0344
800	39.4	53.3	0.0352
1600	40.4	54.5	0.0349

Table XX.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	5.72	8.82	0.0542
50	6.93	10.64	0.0536
100	7.30	11.22	0.0536
200	7.69	11.87	0.0543
400	7.94	12.22	0.0540
800	8.42	12.95	0.0538
1600	8.33	12.75	0.0531

Table XXI.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	4.71	4.96	0.0053
50	9.19	9.05	—0.0017
100	12.18	11.92	—0.0021
200	15.71	15.54	—0.0011
400	19.56	19.64	0.0004
800	24.07	24.91	0.0034
1600	28.78	30.38	0.0056

Table XXII.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	5.43	6.70	0.0233
50	8.13	10.10	0.0243
100	9.30	11.52	0.0239
200	10.66	13.25	0.0243
400	12.14	15.01	0.0236
800	13.89	17.28	0.0244
1600	15.55	19.39	0.0246

Table XXIII.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	2.63	3.77	0.0436
50	3.65	5.11	0.0400
100	4.12	5.78	0.0402
200	4.66	6.53	0.0403
400	5.14	7.32	0.0424
800	5.65	8.03	0.0423
1600	5.86	8.46	0.0443

Table XXIV.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	0.953	1.58	0.0652
50	1.29	2.11	0.0638
100	1.41	2.32	0.0650
200	1.58	2.63	0.0662
400	1.69	2.81	0.0666
800	1.89	3.14	0.0660
1600	1.89	3.20	0.0662

*Table XXV.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.*

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	41.9	44.7	0.0066
50	64.6	69.6	0.0077
100	75.6	82.5	0.0098
200	88.9	94.6	0.0065
400	102.2	110.4	0.0080
800	118.1	126.8	0.0078
1600	132.5	144.6	0.0092

*Table XXVI.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.*

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	19.6	23.0	0.0173
50	27.8	32.6	0.0172
100	32.1	37.7	0.0175
200	36.6	43.1	0.0176
400	40.7	48.2	0.0185
800	44.8	53.4	0.0192
1600	48.8	57.4	0.0179

*Table XXVII.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.*

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	7.64	10.01	0.0310
50	10.22	13.64	0.0334
100	11.64	15.37	0.0323
200	12.84	17.07	0.0330
400	14.11	18.77	0.0330
800	14.99	20.17	0.0346
1600	15.41	20.88	0.0355

*Table XXVIII.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.*

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	1.90	3.00	0.0577
50	2.55	3.99	0.0569
100	2.81	4.43	0.0577
200	3.12	4.95	0.0589
400	3.55	5.36	0.0600
800	3.51	5.63	0.0606
1600	3.59	5.76	0.0606

Table XXIX.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in Glycerol at 25°, 35°, and 45°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{v35^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{v45^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients. 25°–35°.	Temperature coefficients. 35°–45°.
10	0.291	0.607	1.189	0.1087	0.0844
50	0.326	0.667	1.275	0.1045	0.0912
100	0.324	0.670	1.257	0.1068	0.0875
200	0.334	0.687	1.284	0.1056	0.0870
400	0.338	0.686	1.282	0.1030	0.0871
800	0.346	0.708	1.325	0.1048	0.0871
1600	0.352	0.717	1.326	0.1039	0.0849

Table XXX.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{v35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	125.6	150.4	0.0189
50	131.6	156.5	0.0189
100	133.6	159.3	0.0192
200	135.8	162.1	0.0193
400	137.2	163.7	0.0193
800	138.9	165.9	0.0194
1600	140.0	167.5	0.0196

Table XXXI.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{v35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	61.5	76.6	0.0244
50	64.3	80.1	0.0246
100	65.4	81.7	0.0249
200	66.9	83.4	0.0249
400	67.0	83.9	0.0251
800	68.1	85.2	0.0252
1600	68.7	86.0	0.0252

Table XXXII.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^\circ}$ .	$\mu_{v35^\circ}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	23.9	30.8	0.0289
50	24.4	32.3	0.0327
100	24.6	32.8	0.0333
200	24.9	33.2	0.0332
400	25.1	33.4	0.0336
800	25.4	34.1	0.0340
1600	25.5	34.5	0.0351

Table XXXIII.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	4.94	7.66	0.0552
50	5.13	7.98	0.0555
100	5.25	8.18	0.0559
200	5.14	8.01	0.0559
400	5.42	8.50	0.0569
800	5.48	8.56	0.0563
1600	5.20	8.02	0.0545

Table XXXIV.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	21.6	24.8	0.0146
50	28.5	32.7	0.0148
100	31.9	36.9	0.0156
200	35.4	41.5	0.0171
400	37.9	44.5	0.0173
800	40.8	48.1	0.0177
1600	42.6	50.3	0.0179

Table XXXV.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	9.50	12.27	0.0291
50	11.35	14.68	0.0293
100	12.12	15.79	0.0303
200	12.88	16.87	0.0309
400	13.40	17.56	0.0310
800	13.99	18.33	0.0310
1600	14.62	18.70	0.0278

Table XXXVI.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{v25^{\circ}}$	$\mu_{v35^{\circ}}$	Temperature coefficients.
10	3.87	5.67	0.0466
50	4.31	6.31	0.0466
100	..	..	..
200	4.66	6.93	0.0484
400	4.78	7.03	0.0470
800	4.96	7.29	0.0471
1600	4.98	7.28	0.0460



Table XXXVII.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	1.19	2.05	0.0723
50	1.19	2.11	0.0770
100	1.33	2.28	0.0717
200	1.39	2.37	0.0707
400	1.42	2.43	0.0709
800	1.46	2.51	0.0709
1600	1.49	2.50	0.0700

Table XXXVIII.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	65.5	72.9	0.0114
50	79.6	89.1	0.0120
100	84.0	94.1	0.0121
200	90.9	102.1	0.0122
400	94.8	106.6	0.0125
800	98.0	111.2	0.0134
1600	100.8	113.4	0.0125

Table XXXIX.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 25 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	26.4	32.2	0.0219
50	30.6	37.3	0.0220
100	31.8	38.6	0.0218
200	33.3	40.5	0.0217
400	34.2	41.9	0.0224
800	35.3	43.0	0.0218
1600	35.7	44.1	0.0233

Table XL.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 50 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	9.15	12.5	0.0366
50	10.2	13.9	0.0365
100	10.4	14.2	0.0363
200	10.8	14.8	0.0364
400	11.1	15.1	0.0363
800	11.5	15.6	0.0364
1600	11.8	16.1*	0.0364

Table XLI.—*Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in a Mixture of 75 per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.*

V.	$\mu_{25^{\circ}}$ .	$\mu_{35^{\circ}}$ .	Temperature coefficients.
10	2.08	3.41	0.0635
50	2.28	3.68	0.0619
100	2.39	3.90	0.0635
200	2.35	3.82	0.0624
400	2.40	3.90	0.0631
800	2.56	4.27	0.0663
1600	2.46	4.07	0.0648

Tables IV. to XV. show the conductivities of lithium bromide in various mixtures of glycerol with water, methyl alcohol, and ethyl alcohol. The results are plotted in Figures I., II., and III. The curves show that the conductivities in the mixtures depart widely from the law of averages, there being a marked sagging of the curves in each case. The results are much like those obtained by Jones and Carroll with cadmium iodide in mixtures of water and methyl alcohol. No minimum is observed, nor, indeed, has any minimum appeared in all the work with glycerol solutions. This is not surprising. It is hardly probable that any mixture of glycerol with the less viscous solvents would have a viscosity greater than that of pure glycerol. It is conceivable, however, that a mixture of glycerol with a very small percentage of water or alcohol might give a slight minimum in fluidity, but the difficulty of determining this point would be very great. At the same time, a similar minimum in the conductivity curves might make its appearance, and the parallelism of the two sets of curves, which is one of the points to be established, would not be changed, even if minima were found. At any rate, it is evident that in the case of mixtures of glycerol with the other three solvents used, we have to deal with mixtures of the second class referred to above; that is, mixtures whose properties are not additive.

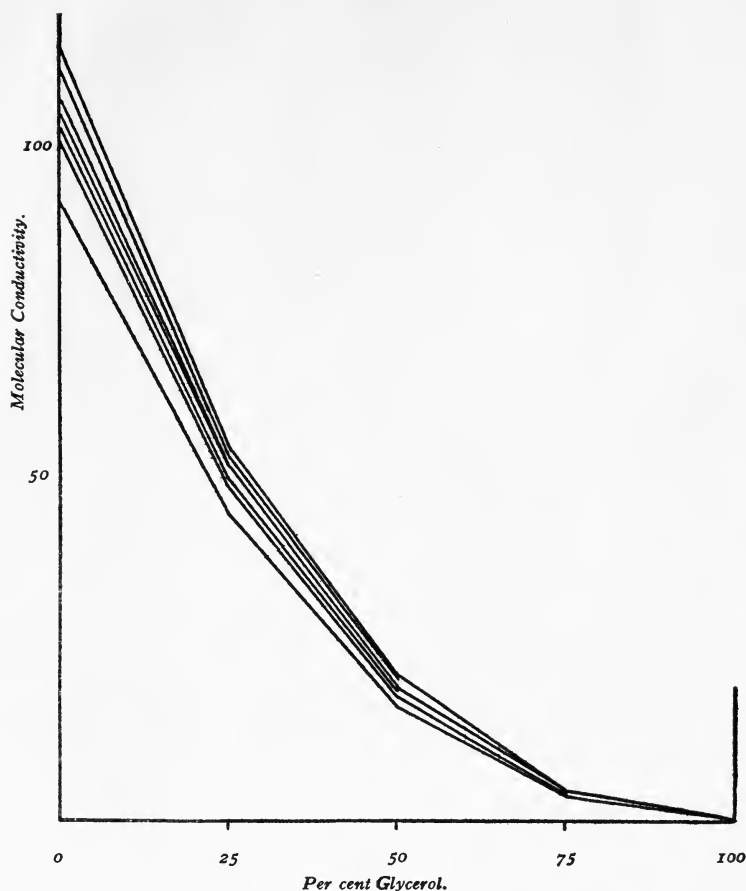


Fig. I.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in Glycerol-Water at 25°.

### *Cobalt Chloride.*

The cobalt chloride was first crystallized from conductivity water, to free it from traces of sulphates. The crystallization was continued until the mother liquor no longer clouded barium chloride solution. The salt was then partially dehydrated in a vacuum desiccator, with sulphuric acid, after which it was pulverized, and heated in the air till it had assumed a lavender color. After being again pulverized, it

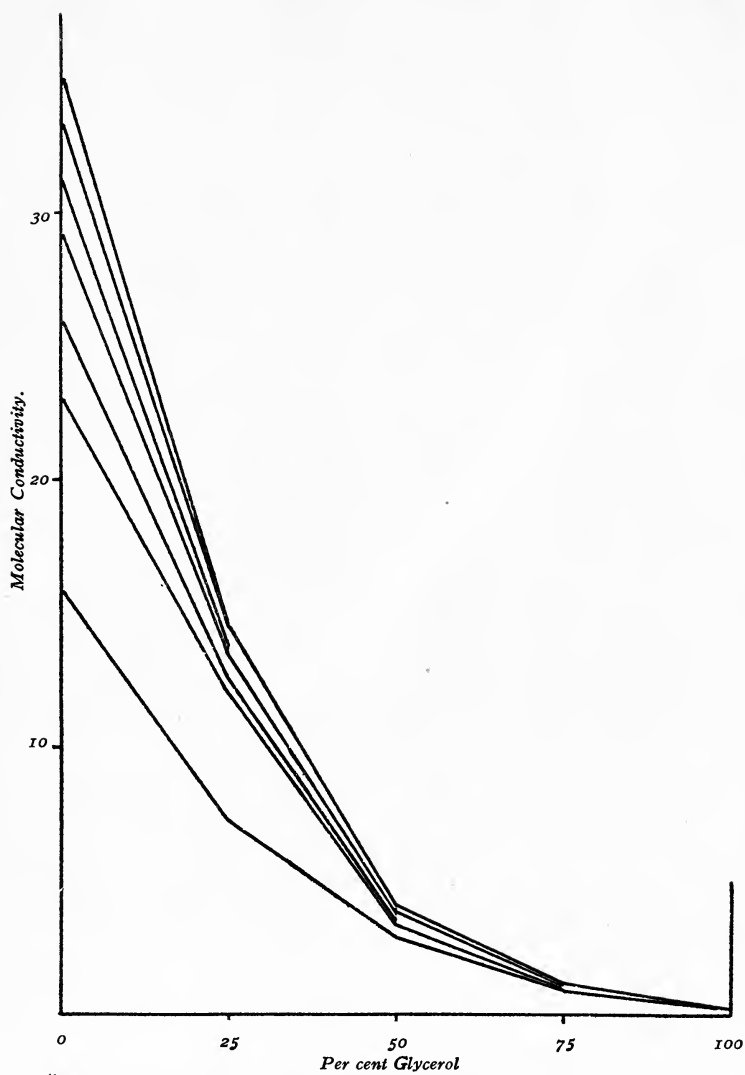


Fig. II.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in Glycerol-Ethyl Alcohol at 25°.

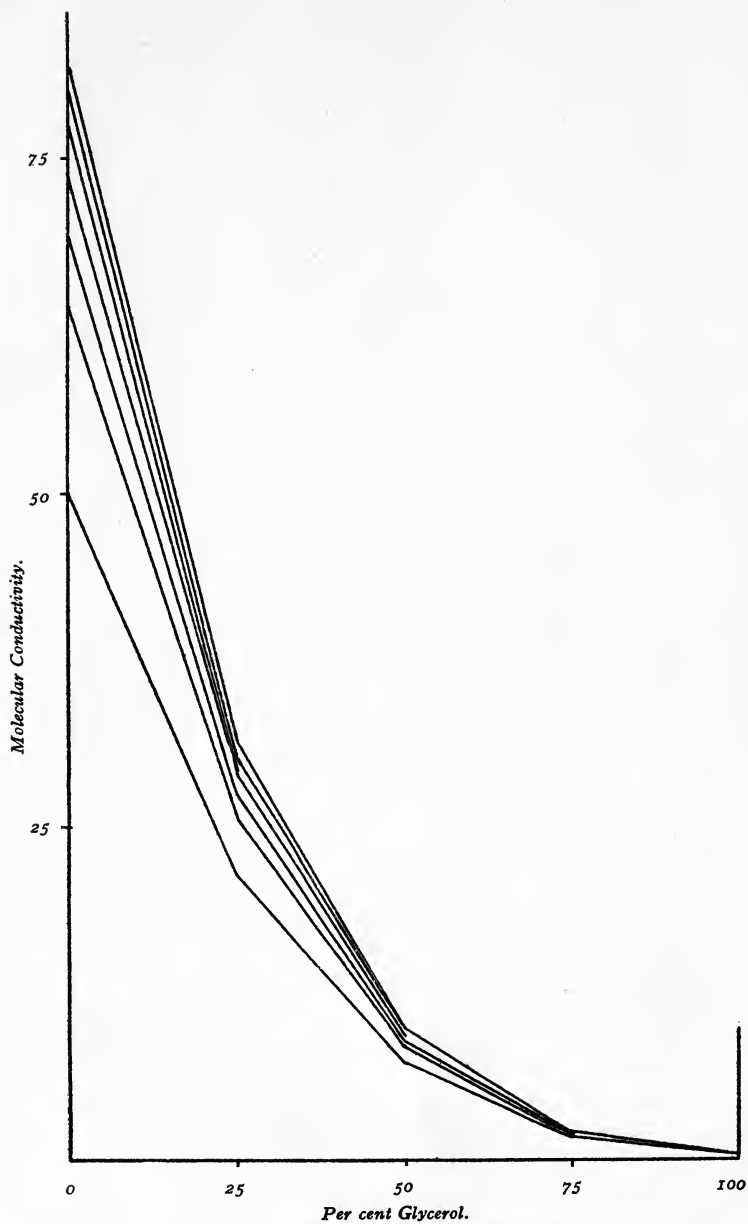


Fig. III.—Conductivity of Lithium Bromide in Glycerol-Methyl Alcohol at 25°.

was placed in a hard-glass tube, and heated in a current of dry hydrochloric acid gas for several hours at  $250^{\circ}$ , during which process it changed color to a pale pure blue. The hydrochloric acid gas was then replaced by a stream of nitrogen dried over phosphorus pentoxide, and the tube allowed to cool slowly. The cobalt chloride gave a clear solution in water, which, however, when exposed to sunlight, deposited a very small quantity of a flocculent brown precipitate. Not enough of this could be obtained for a complete examination. It did not contain iron, and did not give the reactions of bivalent cobalt. It is thought to be a cobaltic compound, produced by some oxidizing action brought about by the sunlight. Solutions kept in the dark did not show this precipitate, even when allowed to stand overnight; but ten minutes' exposure to bright sunlight was sufficient to cause the change. For this reason, the conductivities of cobalt chloride in aqueous solution are considered a little uncertain, and are probably a little too high. Solutions in the alcohols and in glycerol were perfectly clear, and remained so indefinitely, sunlight having no effect on them.

The conductivities of cobalt chloride are given in Tables XVI. to XXVIII. The conductivities in pure glycerol increase regularly, and are considerably higher than the corresponding values for lithium bromide. This is just what would be expected, if glycerol is a normal dissociating solvent. Cobalt chloride would dissociate into three ions, while lithium bromide would give only two, and the conductivities of the former salt would accordingly be greater.

The results are plotted as curves in Figures IV., V., and VI. The curves are in every respect analogous to those for lithium bromide, except in one minor point, to be seen in Figure V. Here the values of conductivity of cobalt chloride in pure ethyl alcohol are abnormally low (at least for all except the most dilute solutions), considering it is a ternary electrolyte. Lithium bromide, for instance, in the tenth-normal solution in ethyl alcohol, has a molecular conductivity of 15.8 at  $25^{\circ}$ , and we should expect, other things being equal, that cobalt chloride would give a value about 50 per cent greater than

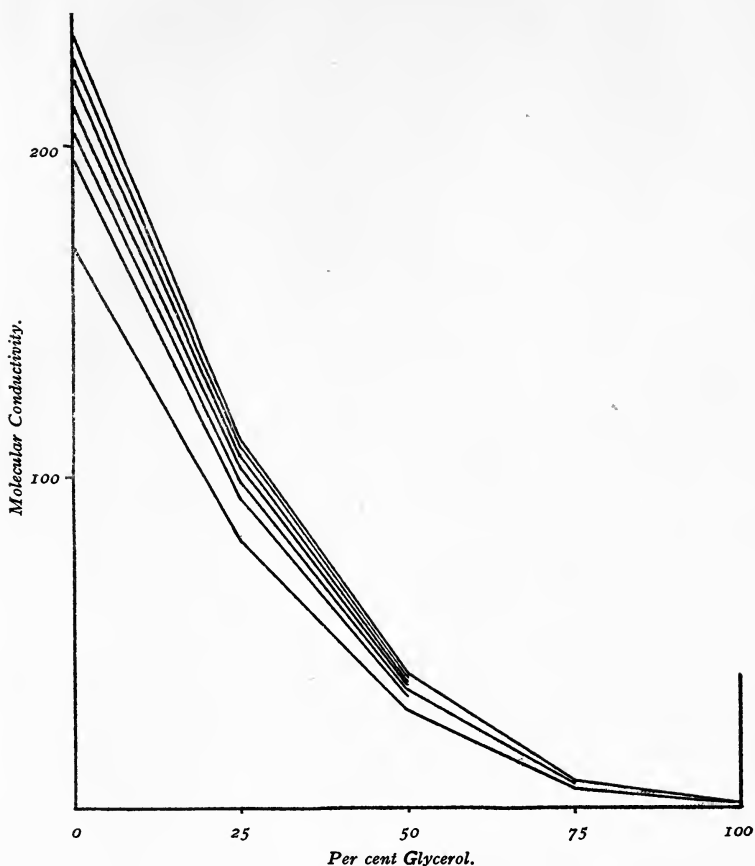


Fig. IV.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in Glycerol-Water at 25°.

this. The value of  $\mu_{v,25^\circ}$  for cobalt chloride in ethyl alcohol is, however, only 4.71. But knowing that many of the halides of the heavy metals tend to form complexes when dissolved in organic solvents, it was suspected that these low results, at least in the concentrated solutions, were due to partial polymerization of the cobalt chloride molecules. This point was kindly tested for us by Mr. H. R. Kreider. He showed by the boiling point method that the dissociation of cobalt chloride in ethyl alcohol, for concentrations ranging near

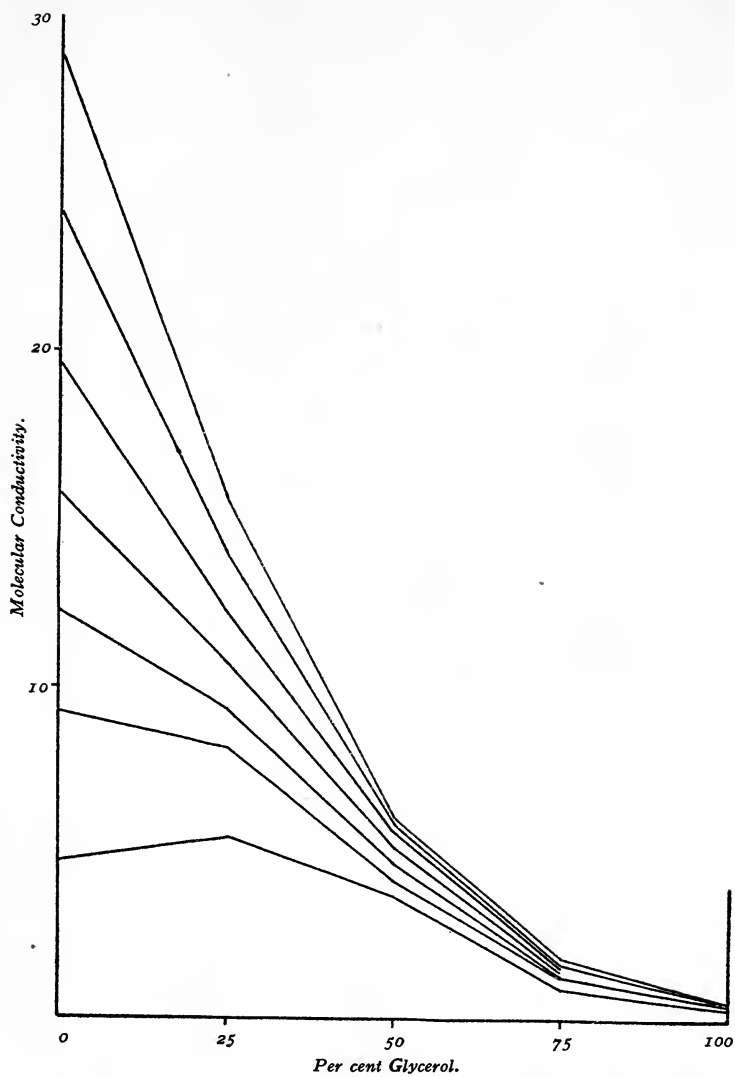


Fig. V.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in Glycerol-Ethyl Alcohol at 25°.



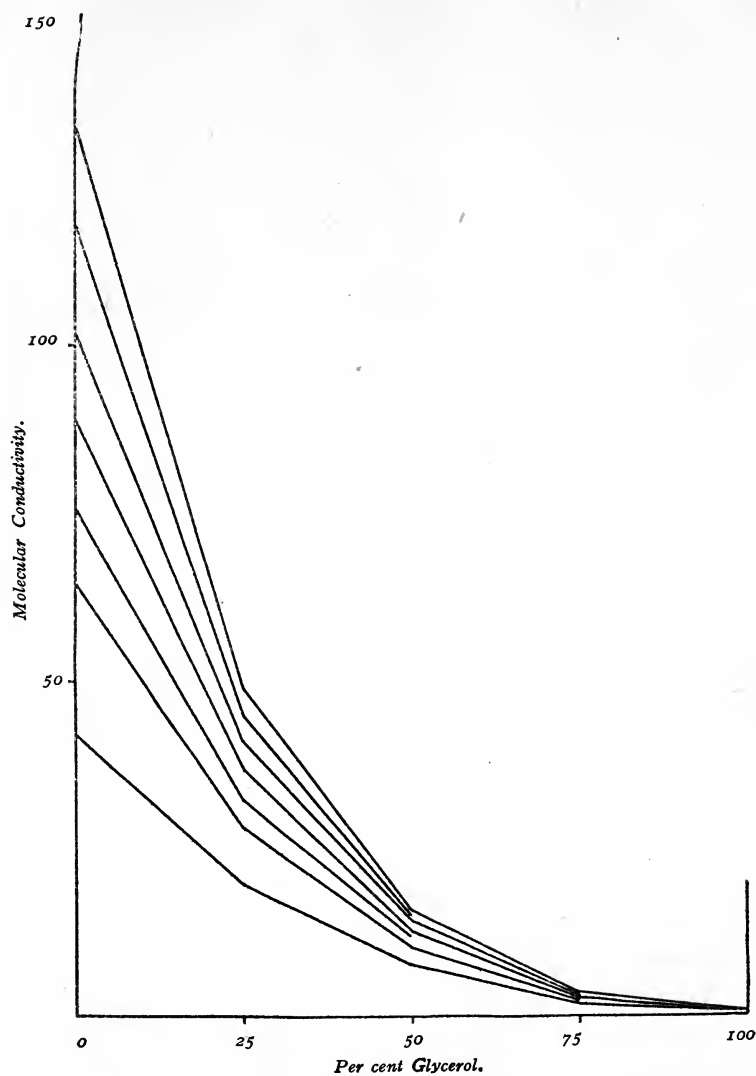


Fig. VI.—Conductivity of Cobalt Chloride in Glycerol-Methyl Alcohol at 25°.

tenth-normal, is apparently negative; or, in other words, the indicated molecular weight is greater than that calculated for  $\text{CoCl}_2$ . Some of his results are given here.

$$\text{M. W.} = 129.96.$$

Volume.	M. W. found.
8.1	155
13.0	134
13.3	131

The association appears in all three solutions, and since most other salts are dissociated 20 to 30 per cent in ethyl alcohol at these concentrations, we may consider the low conductivity of cobalt chloride in this case to be due to this cause. The same thing is shown in methyl alcohol solutions. The value of  $\mu_v^{25^\circ}$  for lithium bromide in tenth-normal solution is 50.0, against a corresponding value of 41.9 for cobalt chloride. The difference is not so striking here, probably because methyl alcohol is a stronger dissociant than ethyl alcohol.

#### *Potassium Iodide.*

Kahlbaum's pure potassium iodide was recrystallized, and dried to constant weight at  $150^\circ$ . It showed no appreciable impurity.

Tables XXIX. to XLI. give the conductivities of potassium iodide in glycerol, and in the mixed solvents. Again, the conductivities increase nearly regularly with dilution, and are a little higher than those of lithium bromide, and about 50 per cent less than the conductivities of cobalt chloride, as we should expect. The results in the mixtures are represented in Figures VII., VIII., and IX., and are in every respect like those obtained for the other two salts. The conductivities are less than the averages in each case.

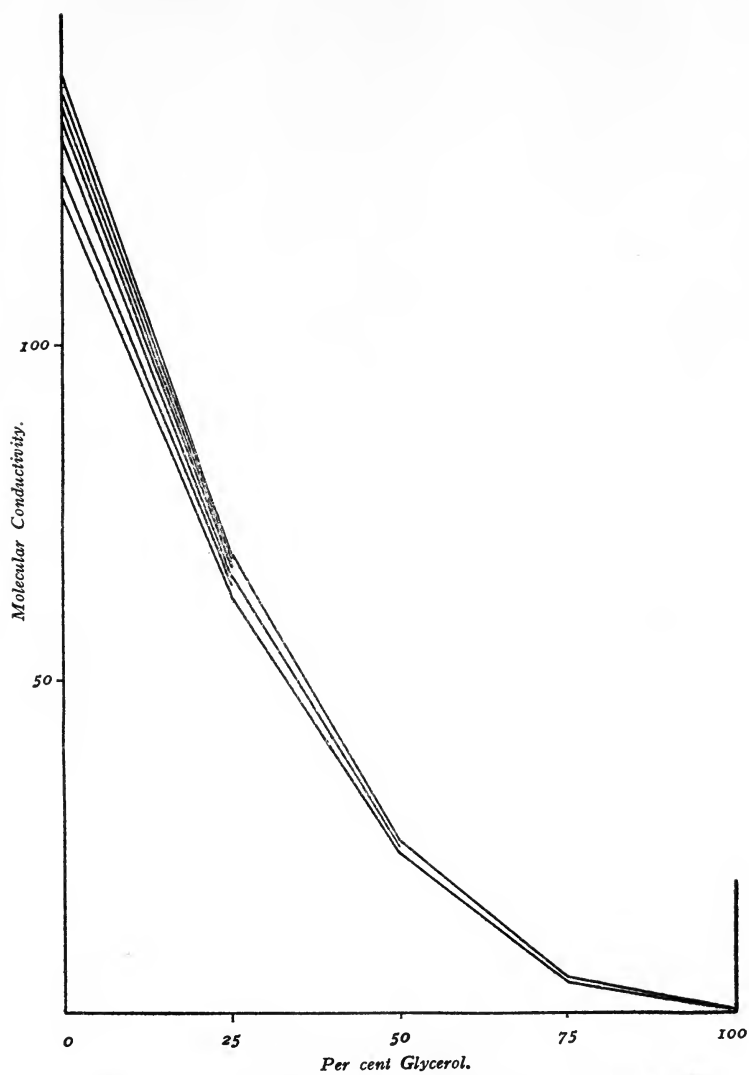


Fig. VII.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in Glycerol-Water at 25°.

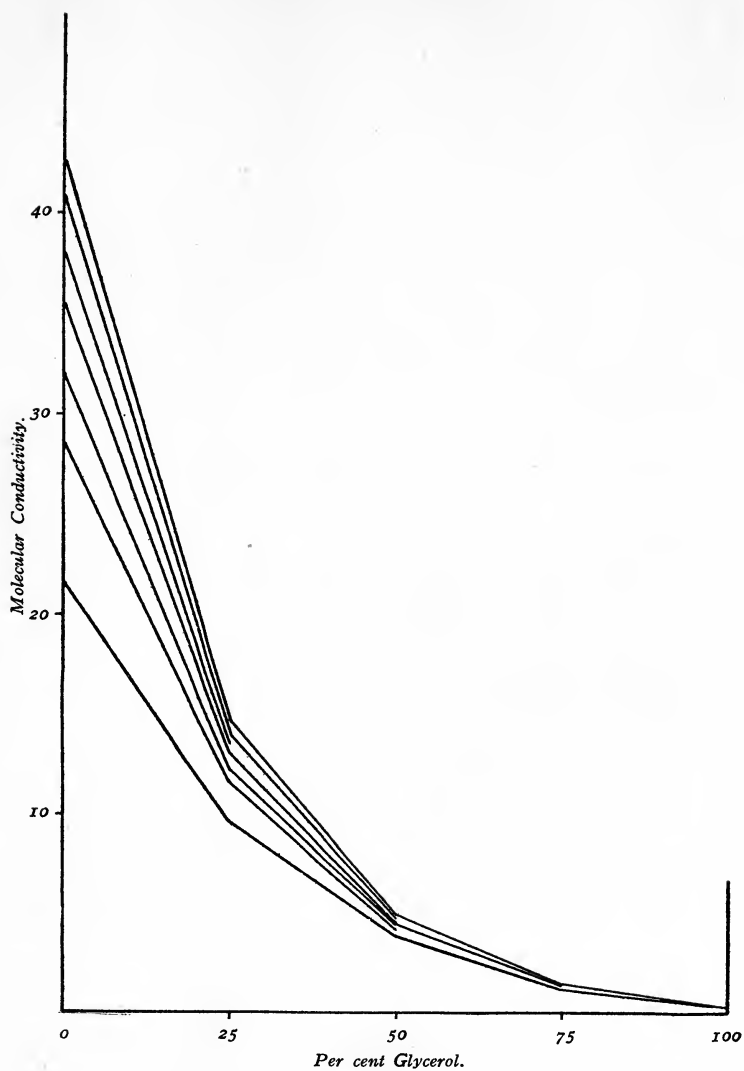


Fig. VIII.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in Glycerol-Ethyl Alcohol at 25°.

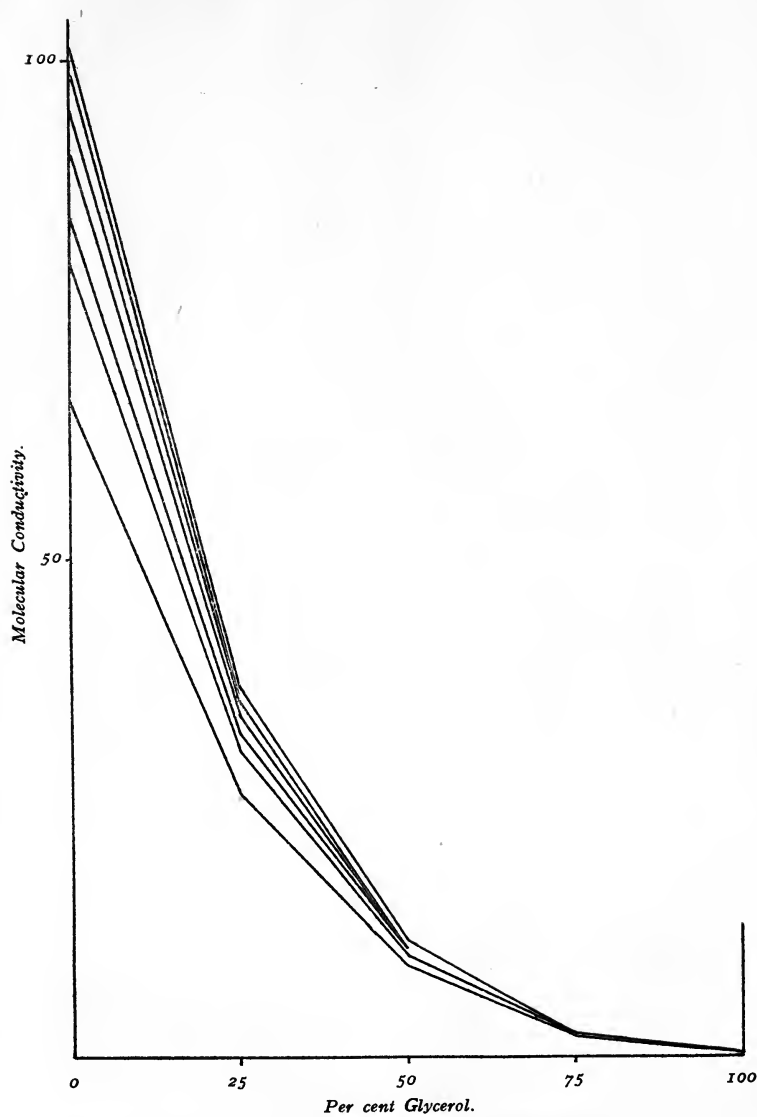


Fig. IX.—Conductivity of Potassium Iodide in Glycerol-Methyl Alcohol at 25°.

*Temperature Coefficients of Conductivity.*

The most interesting features in this connection are the *very large temperature coefficients of conductivity of the solutions in pure glycerol*. In tenth-normal solution, these are for lithium bromide, cobalt chloride, and potassium iodide, respectively, 10.6 per cent, 10.23 per cent and 10.87 per cent between  $25^{\circ}$  and  $35^{\circ}$ , and 8.71 per cent, 8.36 per cent, and 8.44 per cent between  $35^{\circ}$  and  $45^{\circ}$ . *These are much the largest temperature coefficients of conductivity thus far observed between these temperatures, and they are closely related to the temperature coefficients of fluidity.*

In the solutions of cobalt chloride in ethyl alcohol, *negative temperature coefficients* of conductivity occur. These have also been noticed by Jones and McMaster in certain solutions of the same salt in mixtures of acetone and the alcohols. In the present case, the temperature coefficient of the tenth-normal solution is positive, though very small, and in the fiftieth-normal solution it becomes negative. The temperature coefficients reach a minimum in the hundredth-normal solution, and then increase regularly, again becoming positive in the dilute solutions. Temperature coefficients of conductivity in ethyl alcohol are always small, and it is known that the degree of ionization decreases with rising temperature. We have already proved that cobalt chloride in ethyl alcohol has a strong tendency to polymerize. The occurrence of negative temperature coefficients of conductivity, therefore, shows that the decrease in ionization, due to rise in temperature, is more than sufficient to overcome the effect of increased ion velocity, brought about by increased fluidity.

In the mixed solvents, the temperature coefficients of conductivity in no case follow the law of averages, but, like the conductivities, are always less than the calculated values.

We have thus shown that for solutions in mixtures of glycerol with water or the alcohols, the molecular conductivities are always less than the averages calculated from the conductivities in the component solvents. Hence, we may conclude that glycerol is a solvent which, when mixed with another,

gives a mixture whose properties are not additive, and in this respect glycerol resembles water. In the three cases tested, glycerol causes some change in the state of molecular aggregation of the other solvents, producing mixtures similar, in many ways, to mixtures of water with the alcohols or acetone. We can now proceed to show that the departure from the law of averages is just as pronounced when we examine the fluidities of the mixtures of glycerol.

*Table XLII.—Viscosity and Fluidity of Solutions in Mixtures of Glycerol and Water at 25° and 35°.*

<i>Water.</i>					
Solution.	$\eta$ 25.	$\eta$ 35.	$\phi$ 25.	$\phi$ 35.	T. C. $\phi$ .
LiBr	0.009011	0.00723	110.99	138.33	0.0246
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.009209	0.00745	108.58	134.26	0.0237
KI	0.008847	0.007191	113.02	139.06	0.0231
Solvent	0.00891	0.00720	112.25	138.89	0.0237

*25 Per Cent Glycerol and Water.*

LiBr	0.02064	0.01552	48.45	64.44	0.0330
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.02156	0.01624	46.49	61.65	0.0326
KI	0.01991	0.01509	50.23	66.25	0.0319
Solvent	0.02003	0.01518	49.91	65.86	0.0319

*50 Per cent Glycerol and Water.*

LiBr	0.06246	0.04346	16.01	23.01	0.0437
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.06659	0.04632	15.02	21.59	0.0438
KI	0.06060	0.04252	16.50	23.52	0.0425
Solvent	0.06145	0.04272	16.27	23.41	0.0438

*75 Per cent Glycerol and Water.*

LiBr	0.3330	0.2020	3.003	4.949	0.0647
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.3645	0.2202	2.743	4.541	0.0656
KI	0.3246	0.1982	3.081	5.046	0.0638
Solvent	0.3203	0.1954	3.122	5.118	0.0639

*Table XLIII.—Viscosity and Fluidity of Solutions in Mixtures of Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.*

*Ethyl Alcohol.*

Solution.	$\eta$ 25.	$\eta$ 35.	$\phi$ 25.	$\phi$ 35.	T. C. $\phi$ .
LiBr	0.01235	0.009864	80.92	101.37	0.0253
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.01193	0.009828	83.80	101.75	0.0214
KI	0.01177	0.00960	84.95	104.16	0.0226
Solvent	0.01110	0.009068	90.07	110.28	0.0224

*25 Per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol.*

LiBr	0.04574	0.03305	21.86	30.26	0.0384
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.04919	0.03612	20.33	27.69	0.0362
KI	0.0452	0.03290	22.12	30.39	0.0374
Solvent	0.04367	0.03188	22.90	31.37	0.0370

*50 Per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol.*

LiBr	0.2275	0.1413	4.515	7.075	0.0588
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.2449	0.1569	4.084	6.375	0.0561
KI	0.2059	0.1327	4.856	7.537	0.0552
Solvent	0.2053	0.1323	4.871	7.559	0.0552

*75 Per cent Glycerol and Ethyl Alcohol.*

LiBr	1.193	0.6455	0.8382	1.549	0.0848
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	1.353	0.7381	0.7391	1.355	0.0833
KI	1.1005	0.6038	0.9089	1.656	0.0822
Solvent	1.0842	0.5971	0.9223	1.675	0.0816

*Table XLIV.—Viscosity and Fluidity of Solutions in Mixtures of Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol at 25° and 35°.*

*Methyl Alcohol.*

Solution.	$\eta$ 25.	$\eta$ 35.	$\phi$ 25.	$\phi$ 35.	T. C. $\phi$ .
LiBr	0.006097	0.005305	164.01	188.52	0.0149
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.006365	0.005404	157.10	181.65	0.0135
KI	0.005942	0.005149	168.31	194.21	0.0154
Solvent	0.005654	0.004918	176.86	204.59	0.0149

*25 Per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol.*

LiBr	0.02105	0.01647	47.51	60.72	0.0279
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.02247	0.01735	44.51	57.64	0.0295
KI	0.02019	0.01588	49.52	62.98	0.0272
Solvent	0.01962	0.01539	50.97	64.97	0.0274

*50 Per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol.*

LiBr	0.1012	0.06945	9.882	14.40	0.0458
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.1080	0.07451	9.258	13.42	0.0450
KI	0.0936	0.06353	10.68	15.54	0.0474
Solvent	0.0928	0.06379	10.78	15.68	0.0454

*75 Per cent Glycerol and Methyl Alcohol.*

LiBr	0.6525	0.3803	1.532	2.630	0.0717
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	0.7379	0.4165	1.352	2.401	0.0776
KI	0.6288	0.3637	1.590	2.750	0.0729
Solvent	0.6073	0.3552	1.647	2.815	0.0709



Table XLV.—*Viscosity and Fluidity of Solutions in Glycerol at 25° and 35°.*

Solution.	$\eta$ 25.	$\eta$ 35.	$\phi$ 25.	$\phi$ 35.	T. C. $\phi$ .
LiBr	6.786	3.192	0.1474	0.3133	0.1126
CoCl <sub>2</sub>	7.530	3.364	0.1328	0.2973	0.1261
KI	6.723	3.139	0.1487	0.3186	0.1143
Solvent	6.330	2.9403	0.1580	0.3401	0.1153

*Viscosity and Fluidity.*

Tables XLII. to XLV., inclusive, give the viscosities and fluidities of the pure solvents, the mixed solvents, and the tenth-normal solutions of the three salts in these liquids. The fluidities of the solutions are, as usual, in nearly every case less than those of the corresponding solvents. In three solutions, however, we have the phenomenon of negative viscosity. These are potassium iodide in water, and in 25 and 50 per cent glycerol and water, at both 25° and 35°. An explanation of negative viscosity has been given by Jones and Veazey.<sup>1</sup> It is interesting to find that the fluidity of even so immobile a liquid as 50 per cent glycerol and water is increased by the addition of potassium iodide. In the 75 per cent mixture, the viscosity coefficient is again positive, but the difference between the viscosity of the mixture and of tenth-normal potassium iodide in it is not great. The salt does not lower the viscosity of pure glycerol, nor of any of the other solvents used.

But if we examine the viscosities of the solutions in pure glycerol, we see that the effect of the several salts on the viscosity of the solvent is in inverse ratio to the molecular volumes of the salts. Potassium iodide, with the largest molecular volume, increases the viscosity of glycerol less than does lithium bromide, which has a slightly smaller molecular volume. The latter salt, in turn, increases the viscosity of glycerol much less than does cobalt chloride, which has much the smallest molecular volume of the three. *Relations exactly analogous to these* have been pointed out by Jones and Veazey, and the mechanism of the effect has been sufficiently discussed in the first part of this work.

<sup>1</sup> Am. Chem. Journ., **37**, 405 (1907).

The viscosity of pure glycerol at  $25^{\circ}$ —6.330—is 1120 times that of methyl alcohol at the same temperature. A wide range of viscosity has thus been covered, yet the same relations hold as obtain in mixtures of the much more fluid solvents studied by Jones and his coworkers. The fluidities at  $25^{\circ}$  are plotted as curves in Fig. X. Curve I. represents the fluidities of glycerol-methyl alcohol mixtures, curve II. represents glycerol-water, and curve III. represents glycerol-ethyl alcohol. The curves resemble the conductivity curves very closely, show the same sagging, and have no minima.

The temperature coefficient of fluidity of pure glycerol between  $25^{\circ}$  and  $35^{\circ}$  is 11.53 per cent, and this is very nearly equal to the temperature coefficients of conductivity of the salts used in this work. In all the solutions, the temperature coefficient of fluidity is greater than the temperature coefficients of conductivity, as has been observed in practically all cases heretofore. This is probably due partly to the decrease of dissociation with rising temperature.

It will be seen that in the majority of cases, the temperature coefficient of fluidity of any solution is slightly greater than that of the solvent. As is known, dissociation decreases slightly with rising temperature. This would cause the solution at higher temperature to contain a greater number of whole molecules, whose volume would be equal to that of their component ions, but whose frictional surfaces would be less. This would decrease the total frictional surface of the particles in the solution, and an increase in the fluidity would result, in addition to that caused by the ordinary increase in the fluidity of the pure solvent. This relation does not hold for all of the temperature coefficients of fluidity, but the exceptions are not many, and it would seem that an explanation like the above is at least partially correct.

A comparison of the conductivity and fluidity curves shows, then, that the two phenomena, in mixtures of glycerol with water or the alcohols, are very closely parallel. No minima are found, but every curve shows a falling below the straight line of averages. Hence, we must conclude that glycerol is a solvent resembling water more closely than it does the

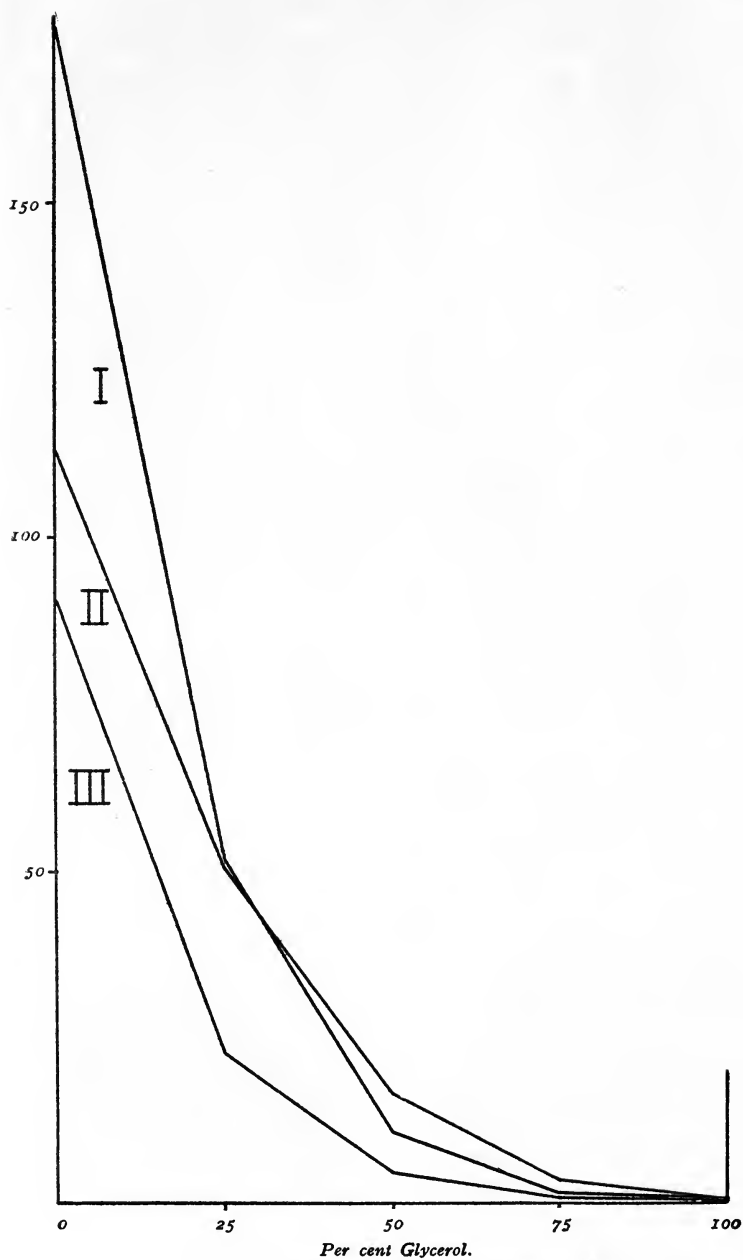


Fig. X.—Fluidities of Glycerol Mixtures at 25°.

alcohols, in that mixtures containing it do not have additive properties. This resemblance to water comes out more strikingly when we examine the relative values of the conductivities of the three salts studied here, in the different pure solvents. In water, cobalt chloride, being a ternary electrolyte, has a greater conductivity than potassium iodide, and potassium iodide again has a conductivity greater than lithium bromide. The same order is found in glycerol. In ethyl alcohol, and in the tenth-normal solutions in methyl alcohol, the order is potassium iodide, lithium bromide, cobalt chloride. We have already shown that cobalt chloride in ethyl alcohol forms complexes. It is evident that in glycerol the same salt does not form complexes, but behaves like a normal ternary electrolyte in a strongly dissociating solvent. It seems to be broken down, at least partly, into three ions, even in the fairly concentrated solutions in glycerol, and in this point the latter resembles water rather than the alcohols.

The conductivities of the several electrolytes in pure glycerol do not reach limiting values in the dilutions worked with here, but the conductivities for dilutions of four-hundredth-normal and more are increasing very slowly; in other words, complete dissociation is probably reached in glycerol solutions at a comparatively small volume. This feature again recalls the dissociating action of water.

If we multiply 0.35, the highest conductivity obtained for potassium iodide in glycerol at 25°, by 6.330, the viscosity of the solvent at that temperature, the product is 2.22. Similarly, at 35° the product is 2.10. These numbers, nearly identical, represent lower limits, so to speak of the product  $\mu_{\infty} \eta$  for glycerol. It will be recalled that Walden found this value to be nearly a constant, independent of temperature, for about thirty organic solvents. Water and glycol, with values equal to 1.0 and 1.32 respectively, were exceptions. Glycerol thus becomes another exception, with a product of at least 2.10. If we compare methyl alcohol, the simplest monacid carbinol, with glycerol, the simplest diacid carbinol, and with glycerol, the simplest triacid carbinol, we see that

conductivity does not increase proportionately to fluidity, but to some fractional power of fluidity.

Solvent.	$\mu_{\infty} \eta$ .
$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$	0.72
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$	1.32
$\text{C}_3\text{H}_5(\text{OH})_3$	2.10

A similar conclusion has been drawn by Green<sup>1</sup> from a study of the conductivity and viscosity of solutions of lithium chloride in water containing various amounts of sucrose, and he finds that  $\mu_{\infty} = K \phi^{0.7}$ .

*Summary of Facts Established.*

(1) Glycerol, with water, or with methyl or ethyl alcohol, forms binary mixtures whose properties are not additive.

(2) The conductivity curves of three electrolytes in these mixtures in no case obey the law of averages.

(3) The same is true of the fluidity curves.

(4) The temperature coefficients of conductivity of solutions in pure glycerol are very large, and nearly identical with the temperature coefficients of fluidity.

(5) Glycerol, as a dissociating liquid, resembles water more closely than it does the alcohols.

(6) Conductivity increases with fluidity, but instead of increasing at the same rate, varies as some fractional power of fluidity.

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